



2012 Special Events

Tennessee State Parks and Natural Areas

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Happy 75th Anniversary to Tennessee State Parks! In addition to the many special Anniversary Events being held across the state, we have many exciting events being held every week throughout the year. Our event list is updated throughout the year. Check out the event web page for the latest events www.tnstateparks.com/events.

Please note: For most Tennessee State Natural Area events space is limited and reservations are required. Trips may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Leave your phone number and/or email address with the hike leader so they can reach you if plans change. If you have reserved a spot on a hike but are unable to attend, please let the hike leader know, so someone on the waiting list may take your place. Events are as accurate as possible but are subject to change. For more information about a specific Natural Area, including descriptions, directions and maps visit www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas.

April **Long Hunter** hosts **Miss Liana's Nature Circle**

The Nature Circle is an interactive group made up of nature-themed stories, puppets, songs, and crafts for ages 3-5. Children are encouraged to bring an item (examples: favorite book, stuffed animal, or photograph) that relates to each week's theme. The group meets at the park visitor center every Monday at 10 a.m. CT. The Nature Circle is co-sponsored by the Friends of Long Hunter State Park. For complete details visit the Friends of Long Hunter at www.friendsoflonghunter.com/kidsplace.html. For more information call 615-885-2422.

April – May **Natchez Trace** hosts **Outdoor Classroom Field Trip Days**
(WEST) Natchez Trace Environmental Education Program offers *FREE* Field Trip Days for school groups. These days include wildlife demonstrations, living history programs, hikes, game time and more depending on the groups needs. We also offer overnight packages for those groups that are interested.(there is a cost for our overnight packages) For More information and handouts contact Alisha.Weber@tn.gov.

April 1 **David Crockett** hosts **3rd Annual Easter Eggstravaganza**
(MIDDLE) A segment of David Crockett's "Celebrating 75 Years with 75 Events" Program. Join David Crockett State Park and The Friends of David Crockett State Park at 2 p.m. CT for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and More! The festivities will take place near Murray Circle and Campground 1. There will be different age groups for the kids and even some activities for the older ones! So bring your basket and come out and enjoy some spring fun! Bad weather date and time TBA. E-mail rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408 for more information.

April 1 - 29 **Reelfoot Lake** hosts **Deep Swamp Canoe Trips**
(WEST) Join our experienced naturalist for a half-day canoe float through seldom explored areas of Reelfoot Lake. Observe old growth cypress forest, a heron rookery and an eagle nest as we leisurely paddle through the cypress swamp. Large fish swimming, ducks taking flight, and an occasional snake making an appearance add excitement to the trip. A variety of bird life such as songbirds, ducks, herons, owls, or an eagle usually show up to check out the canoeist. Trips depart from Reelfoot Lake State Park's visitor center at 8 a.m. CT on weekends in March and April. Cost is \$20.00 if park canoe is used. Private canoes are no charge. We suggest you bring snacks, drinks, a change of clothes, a camera and binoculars in a waterproof, floatable container. Please call Reelfoot Lake State Park's visitor center for reservations and/or additional information. The telephone number is 731-253-9652.

April 4 & 5 **Pickwick Landing** hosts **TN Civil War – 150 years**
(WEST) Sponsored by the Tennessee Sesquicentennial Commission, this event features events that took place 150 years ago. Presenters will discuss battles, events and stories of the Civil War, as well as offer dramas and musical performances. Activities include films, Battle of Shiloh Forum featuring the foremost Shiloh historians, and exhibits. A new initiative, "Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee" provides Tennesseans the opportunity to have their Civil War Manuscripts, artifacts and photos digitally copied. The Civil War photos and memorabilia are available online at www.tn.gov/tsla/cwtn at the TN State Library and Archives. All events are free and open to the public, however seating is limited. Please RSVP to vionne.williams@tn.gov or call 615-741-2159. Learn more at <http://tn.vacation.com/civil-war/events/>.

April 7 **David Crockett** hosts **Natures' Easter Eggs- 8 AM**
A segment of David Crockett's "Celebrating 75 Years with 75 Events" Program. Meet Ranger Rachel at Shelter #2 for a hike to look for some of nature's spring colors! Remember bug spray and good shoes! E-mail rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408 for more information.

April 7- **David Crockett** hosts **Easter Treats for the Critters- 10 AM**
(MIDDLE) A segment of David Crockett's "Celebrating 75 Years with 75 Events" Program. Let's make something for the critters for their own Easter Hunt! Meet at Shelter 2 for a nature craft to make your own bird feeder to take home! E-mail rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408 for more information.

April 7 T.O. Fuller hosts Easter Egg Hunt

(WEST) Join us at 2 p.m. CT for our 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Chucalissa Indian Village & Museum at T.O. Fuller State Park in Memphis. Open for ages 3-15. Parents must be present, but are not allowed to touch any eggs. Eggs are plastic filled with candy inside. Bigger prizes are given away for special finds. This event is always held the Saturday before Easter. For more information please call 901-543-7581.

April 7 Norris Dam hosts Spring Wildflower Hikes

(EAST) Join State Park and TVA staff for guided hikes along the cool Clinch River, one of the most diverse pathways of wildflower concentrations in the region. Hikes will begin both days at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the River Bluff trailhead and 2 p.m. at the Lower Clear Creek trailhead, located at the Rice's Gristmill. Free to all. Registration not required. For more information contact Ranger Mike Scott at the Norris Dam State Park office at 865-426-7461.

April 7 Natchez Trace hosts Easter Egg Hunt

(WEST) Come on out to Pin Oak Lodge for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children will also enjoy story time and wildlife demonstrations from our park rangers. Prizes will be awarded in 3 age groups. The event will begin at 10:00am and will end around Noon. Just in time for you to enjoy a wonderful family style buffet at Pin Oak Restaurant. Alisha.Weber@tn.gov.

April 7 Big Ridge hosts 14th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

(EAST) 12,000 eggs, each with a prize or candy, will be divided up between four separate age groups! Some eggs will have extra prizes, with a grand prize in each group. Different groups run at different times, so be sure to call ahead for your age groups. Win bicycle, tricycles, wagons, and toys! Bring the whole family and spend the day at the park! Contact the park office at 865-992-5523.

April 7 Cumberland Mountain hosts Volunteer Trail Day

(PLATEAU) Join park staff and the Friends of Cumberland Mountain to help clean up the Byrd Creek Trail Run route for the upcoming 15K on May 12. Additional volunteer days are April 21. Volunteers are needed to help re-blaze the trail, trim back limbs and briars, and move other obstructions on the trail (down trees and branches). Our main focus will be the overnight trail which is 6 miles long. Meet at the park office at 8 a.m. CT with water, snack and sack lunch. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing. For more information call 931-484-6138 or Monica.Johnson@tn.gov.

April 7 Standing Stone hosts Easter Egg Hunt

(PLATEAU) Children, ages 12 and under, are invited to hunt for thousands of candy filled Easter eggs and \$300 in prizes. Bring your baskets and be ready for a great day of hunting. Event begins at 1 p.m. CT at the recreation field. For more information contact Ranger Travis Stover at 931-823-6347 or travis.stover@tn.gov.

April 7 Rock Island hosts Easter Celebration

(PLATEAU) Campground and Cabin Guests can enjoy a day full of spring fun, including tie die, Easter games, meeting the Easter Bunny, and hunting for Easter eggs! For more information call 931-686-2471.

April 7 Fort Pillow hosts Annual Easter Egg Hunt

All kids age 10 and under are invited to hunt Easter Eggs at the annual Egg Hunt. There will be prizes awarded in different age groups. Meet at the Picnic Pavilion at 2 p.m. CT to register. For more information call 731-738-5581.

April 7 & 8 Fall Creek Falls hosts Easter Weekend

(PLATEAU) Join us in the Village Area for an Easter egg hunt on Saturday. A morning sunrise service will be offered at Millikan's Overlook on Sunday morning. For more information call 423-881-5298.

April 9 - 15 Tennessee State Natural Areas Week (TBA)

April 13-15 Norris Dam hosts 75th Anniversary Celebration

(EAST) Three days of events at Norris Dam State Park celebrating the history of the people of our area and CCC boys that had such a huge part in the construction of our facilities. Programs on wildlife, the area's history, hikes, and demonstrations will be presented. The park will also be rededicating Camp Kinchen, CCC Company 494/TVA 45 Camp. For more information call 865-426-7461.

April 13 & 14 Standing Stone hosts 9th annual Naturalist Rally

(PLATEAU) Come to Standing Stone State Park in Overton County to be a part of our 9th Annual Naturalist Rally. Grab your camera and join our special guests as we explore the park's wild woods, wildflowers and natural history. Regardless if you are a nature enthusiast or just enjoy a stroll in the woods, this rally has something for everyone. Schedule and times coming soon. For more information contact Ranger Travis Stover at 931-823-6347 or travis.stover@tn.gov.

April 14 Standing Stone hosts Spring Wildflower Walk

(PLATEAU) Join us and a special guest (TBA) for a jaunt through Standing Stone's beautiful wildflower collection. We will meet at 10 a.m. CT at the recreation hall. For more information contact Ranger Travis Stover at 931-823-6347 or travis.stover@tn.gov.

April 14 Roan Mountain hosts East Egg Hunt

(EAST) Bring the kids and enjoy Easter on the Mountain by hunting eggs in the park. Noon – 2 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-772-0190.

April 14 Edgar Evins hosts Celebration of Spring

(MIDDLE) Join park staff and the Friends of Edgar Evins for our annual Celebration of Spring. This family friendly, free event offers a variety of scheduled activities including face painting, a program with live snakes, crafts making, old time 3-legged and sack races, live musical entertainment, pontoon boat rides, bird, butterfly and wildflower identification walks, as well as longer more challenging hikes for the physically fit. Scheduled events will begin at 8 a.m. and continue throughout most of the day. You are encouraged to bring your sack lunch or picnic to enjoy a day in the park. Registration for activities will open in front of the office a few minutes before the first nature walk begins at 8 a.m. CT. For more information and to RSVP call 931-858-2114 or 800-250-8619.

April 14 Sycamore Shoals hosts Carter Mansion Celebration & Militia Muster - Honoring the 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks

(EAST) Saturday, April 14 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. ET and Sunday, April 15 10 a.m. – 3p.m. ET. Join us for two days of history, music, and fun at the Carter Mansion, the oldest frame

house in Tennessee. Travel back to the 1770s...the American colonies struggle against Britain, and the Patriot frontiersmen gather together to celebrate Independence. See local craftsmen demonstrate traditional skills such as natural dyeing and colonial cooking. Contact the park for detailed schedule at 423-543-5808.

April 14- David Crockett hosts Hike the Backbone-
(MIDDLE) In conjunction with State Natural Areas Week and Tennessee State Park 75th Anniversary, a guided hike at Devil's Backbone SNA. Meet up with Park Rangers and their guests to explore an area off the Natchez Trace Parkway. Devils Backbone is managed by Tennessee State Natural Areas and Tennessee State Parks, this area will offer a unique view of several different ecological communities all in one hike. This trail is considered to be moderate with 200 feet in elevation change and 3 miles in length. Meet at the trail head just off the Natchez Trace Parkway at mile marker 394. Be sure to bring water, and a snack. E-mail rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408 for more information.

April 14 Cedars of Lebanon hosts Spring Cleaning Saturdays
(MIDDLE) Please join us for Spring Cleaning Saturdays, as we try to restore natural order by cleaning-up a few of our beautiful sinkholes. We will meet at the park office at 10 a.m. CT. Additional work day will be on Saturday, April 28. Work for just a few hours or the entire time. Lunch will be served to the first 50 people. Wear sturdy work shoes and long pants. Dress appropriately for the weather. Bring water, snacks and work gloves. Apply sunscreen and wear a hat. We need your help! For more details or if you bring a group larger than five, please contact Ranger Shauna Bridgers at 615-443-2769 or Shauna.Bridgers@tn.gov.

April 14 & 15 Fall Creek Calls hosts 31st annual Wildflower Pilgrimage
(PLATEAU) This is a very special weekend! We will explore the park and see many early spring wildflowers and breathtaking views. A variety of hikes, workshops, driving tours, and slideshows will be offered. For more information call 423-881-5298.

April 14 & 15 Fort Loudoun hosts Garrison Weekend
(EAST) Living history program brings Fort Loudoun back to life as park staff and volunteers portray the soldiers, civilians and Cherokee that inhabited Fort Loudoun and the surrounding area from 1756 until 1760. Program hours are 10 a.m. ET until 5 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-884-6217.

April 14 & 15 Frozen Head hosts 44th Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage
(PLATEAU) Sat. 14 - hikes at 10 & 2 ET and on Sun 15 - hikes at 2 ET.. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

April 14 & 15 Reelfoot Lake hosts Knap-in
(WEST) The weekend will focus on Native American arts and showcase a variety of primitive skills including, flintknapping, firestarting, bow making, blow guns, pottery and traditional music. Archaeologists will be on hand to examine artifacts belonging to visitors and will try to help identify and date items. Saturday, April 14 from 1 - 4 p.m. and

Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT. For more information email David.Haggard@tn.gov or call 731-253-9652.

April 15 Sycamore Shoals hosts Carter Mansion Celebration & Militia Muster - Honoring the 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks (EAST) Saturday, April 14 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. ET. Sunday, April 15 10 a.m. - 3p.m. ET. Join us for two days of history, music, and fun at the Carter Mansion, the oldest frame house in Tennessee. Travel back to the 1770s...the American colonies struggle against Britain, and the Patriot frontiersmen gather together to celebrate Independence. See local craftsmen demonstrate traditional skills such as natural dyeing and colonial cooking. Contact the park for detailed schedule at 423-543-5808.

April 20 Cordell Hull Birthplace hosts The Green Connection (MIDDLE) Join us at the park for this two-part event! At 9 a.m. CT, we're meeting in the park office and celebrating Earth Day by exploring the role of amphibians to the environment and creating miniature habitats for "Kermit the Frog." At 1 p.m. CT, we are reminding everyone of the importance of trees to the environment by hosting a Native Tree ID hike. For more information call 931-864-3247.

April 20 & 21 BRAT Spring Ride, "River and Lakes Tour" (WEST) A shorter version of the 7 day BRAT (Tennessee State Parks Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee) in the Fall, the spring version of the BRAT is a great opportunity to get ready for the 2012 riding season! Limited to only 2 days this ride will get you ready for what the BRAT is all about. We will be starting in West Tennessee at Natchez Trace State Park and ride south to Pickwick Landing State Park and then back to Natchez Trace. Plan for a 160 mile round trip. Just like the 7 day version we will offer a great meal upon arrival at Pickwick, some entertainment that night before leaving to head back to Natchez Trace. Look below for information about the ride such as the route, and menu. Full support the entire route with 4 Rest stops 15-20 miles apart both days. We will also offer a room rate at each location if camping is not your thing. Price: Ride registration = \$100; Ride registration + 1 nights lodging at Natchez Trace on 4/19 = \$175; Ride registration + 2 night lodging at Natchez Trace & Pickwick Landing state park inns on 4/19 & 4/20; Registration is currently open at www.Prerace.com. Learn more at <http://thebrat.org/spring-ride>. Sign-up for our newsletters at: <http://thebrat.org/sign-up/>

April 20 & 21 Fall Creek Falls hosts Star Party 2012 (PLATEAU) Programs are entry level to professional level. Professional and amateur astronomers will be giving presentations. Dark sky field viewing will be Friday and Saturday night with alternate "bad weather" programs. There will be no registration fee. Your only cost for the event will be lodging and food. For more information, contact Allen Ball at mistal@bellsouth.net or Lloyd Watkins at watkinslk@comcast.net, or visit www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org. Please make reservations with Fall Creek Falls Inn at 1-800-250-8610 and ask about the special package deal.

April 20-21-22 South Cumberland hosts Trails and Trilliums (PLATEAU) Mark your calendars now for a great Earth Day event, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the TN State Park System and especially the unique South Cumberland. The Friends of South Cumberland event will be held at the Monteagle Assembly with guided hikes, a native plant sale, a garden tour, an environmental forum, children's nature activities, workshops, vendors, music and more. Saturday night's Wine & Wildflowers event will honor State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath as this year's Yeatman

Environmental Education Award recipient. New "Brush with Nature" events include an Art for the Park sale and a plein air exhibition and sale. A complete schedule and a chance to register online will be available soon at the Trails & Trilliums website www.trailsandtrilliums.org.

April 20-22 Warriors' Path State Park hosts Spring Nature Festival
(EAST) Experience the delights of spring nature discovery in the great Tennessee outdoors. Participate in seminars taught by professionals, and hikes guided by trained naturalists. Topics include: spring wildflowers, tracking, astronomy, stream life, local geology, spring trees, and more! Free. Contact the park office 423-239-8531 or email Marty.Silver@tn.gov for a complete schedule of the weekend's events.

April 21 David Crockett hosts Volunteer Trail Work Day
Late Arrivals Are Welcome! A segment of David Crockett's "Celebrating 75 Years with 75 Events" Program. Meet at the Park Restaurant at 9 a.m. CT for a day of rewarding hard work! Bring your gloves and water bottle and get ready to build a trail. We will be working on the connector trail from the restaurant down to our new cabins. For more information e-mail bill.loewer@tn.gov or rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408 or

April 21 Panther Creek hosts Earth Day Celebration
(EAST) Join the Friends and staff of Panther Creek State Park during our annual Earth Day Celebration. This year's celebration will include a litter cleanup project, reptile program, wildlife rehabilitation demonstration, flower planting activities and several nature hikes. This event will take place at the Spooone Shelter from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-587-7046.

April 21 Pickett hosts Volunteer Day
(PLATEAU) Participate in trail work, planting native species, litter clean up and other park projects. Meet park personnel and the Friends group at the park office at 9 a.m. CT. Work days generally last until 3 p.m. CT. Bring gloves, water, a sack lunch and snacks. Wear sturdy shoes and long pants. Sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat are also good to have. Feel free to work a few hours or stay the entire time. Volunteer Days are the third Saturday of the month. Call the park office if you have questions or need more information at 931-879-5821.

April 21 Cumberland Mountain hosts Volunteer for Earth Day
(PLATEAU) Join park staff and the Friends of Cumberland Mountain to help clean up the Byrd Creek Trail Run route for the upcoming 15K on May 12. Meet at the park office at 8 a.m. CT with water, snack and sack lunch. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing. Volunteers are needed to help re-blaze the trail, trim back limbs and briars, and move other obstructions on the trail (down trees and branches). Our main focus will be the overnight trail which is 6 miles long. For more information call 931-484-6138 or Monica.Johnson@tn.gov.

April 21 Cumberland Trail hosts Head of Sequatchie Afternoon Hike
(PLATEAU) Join us at the spring opening of the "Head of Sequatchie". This site is only open to the public on set program dates. The area is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT today with staff on site. The hike starts at the office at 1:30 p.m. CT. For more information call 423-907-8203.

April 21

Bledsoe Creek hosts Earth Day Hike

(MIDDLE) Join the Friends of Bledsoe Creek and park staff for an afternoon of educational programming and an Earth Day Hike. Activities run from 1-3 p.m. CT. For more information call 615-452-3706.

April 21

Natchez Trace hosts West Tennessee Star Party

(WEST) This is a wonderful time of the year to enjoy the crisp air and clear skies in Tennessee State Parks. With a New Moon and Meteor Shower, the RV campground will be perfect for this event and it will be first come first served so come join us. Dress warmly and feel free to bring a blanket, binoculars or scopes. This weekend is for those at all interest levels. Some Equipment will be provided and many objects in the night sky can be seen with the naked eye. For more information contact: Alisha.Weber@tn.gov

April 21

South Cumberland hosts Coke Ovens

(PLATEAU) Meet Jason Reynolds at the Grundy Lakes beach parking lot for a talk and short walk on the history of mining and coke ovens in Grundy County. This short hike/talk will start at 10 a.m. CT. This hike is part of the Trails and Trilliums event. www.trailsandtrilliums.org. For more information call 931-924-2980.

April 21

South Cumberland hosts Cator Savage

(PLATEAU) Join Ranger Chase Hall for the 9 mile round trip, difficult hike to see historic Cator Savage Cabin. Along the way Chase will discuss early pioneering days as well as survival in the Savage Gulf. Bring plenty of water, sturdy shoes, and a lunch that you can pack. This hike will take the majority of the day. Please meet Ranger Chase at the Stone Door Ranger Station at 8 a.m. CT. This hike is part of the Trails and Trilliums event. www.trailsandtrilliums.org. For more information call 931-924-2980.

April 21

South Cumberland hosts Stage Coach Road Hike

(PLATEAU) Join Ranger George Shinn and explore the Historic Stage Coach Road. This 14 mile hike will take us down into Savage Gulf by way of the ol' stage road. Ranger George will give interpretive talks about the history of the road and how local folk put it use. This is a difficult hike due to the change in elevation and the distance to the road. Please bring plenty of water, sturdy hiking shoes, and pack a lunch. Due to the location of this trail and difficulty we are asking for anyone that is interested to please call George Shinn 931-779-3532 to reserve a space on this hike. Meet at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station Parking lot at 9 a.m. CT. This program will be part of the Trails and Trilliums event. www.trailsandtrilliums.org.

April 21

Sycamore Shoals hosts Landscape Seminar & Plant Auction

(EAST) An exciting array of unusual ornamental & native perennials, trees and shrubs will be auctioned during this event. A great opportunity to add new species to your landscape! Sponsored by The UT Extension Service, E.Tenn. Nursery Assoc., and the Eliz/Carter Co. Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the park at 423-543-5808.

April 21 & 22

Frozen Head hosts 44th Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage

(PLATEAU) 14 & 21 are Sat with hikes at 10 & 2 and 15 & 22 on Sun with hikes at 2:00. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road.

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April 21 & 22 Fort Pillow hosts Civil War Re-enactment

(WEST) Join us from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. CT on Sat. April 21 and Sun. April 22 with a night hike at 7 p.m. on the 21st. Programs offered include hikes, museum tours, battle re-enactments between North and South, encampments, rifle and cannon demonstrations, wood fire cooking, food, Civil War vendors, and more. Open to all ages. Hikes will be around 2.3 miles, lawn chairs welcome. For more information call Robby Tidwell at 731-738-5581.

April 22 South Cumberland hosts Moonshine in Grundy

(PLATEAU) Come meet Ranger Bill for a discussion on Moonshine in Grundy County. We will meet at the Grundy Forest parking lot at 11:00 a.m. CT. This talk is part of the Trails and Trilliums event. www.trailsandtrilliums.org. For more information call 931-924-2980.

April 22 South Cumberland hosts CCC History Hike

(PLATEAU) Join Park Ranger Brent Smith for this 2-mile moderate hike around the Grundy Forest Day loop. Along the way, Brent will talk about the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Bring plenty of water and wear sturdy shoes. This hike will meet at the Grundy Forest Parking lot at 1 p.m. CT. This hike is part of the Trails and Trilliums event. www.trailsandtrilliums.org. For more information call 931-924-2980.

April 22 Bicentennial Capitol Mall hosts Earth Day Celebration

Join us for a fun afternoon of Earth Day activities! At 1 p.m. CT, Ranger Cara will lead an "Urban Birdin' " walk through the park, great for beginning birders and kids! At 2:30, Ranger Jennifer will have Archie the corn snake out for a Snake Show! Stick around until 3:30, and you can leave a lasting legacy for the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park by helping us plant a tree in honor of Earth Day! All programs will meet at the History Wall across the street from the Farmers' Market Food Court! For more information, please contact Cara Alexander: cara.alexander@tn.gov, or call 741-5771.

April 27 & 28 Cedars of Lebanon hosts Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade Festival

Join park staff and friends from The Center for Cedar Glade Studies of Middle Tennessee State University for the 35th Annual Elsie Quarterman Wildflower Festival. The event kicks off from 7-9 p.m. CT on Friday with the Cedar Glade Roundtable . Saturday begins with an Early Bird Hike at 7 a.m. CT. Wildflower hikes and programs will be offered throughout the day until 7 p.m. CT. All events are free and open to the public. For more information visit www.mtsu.edu/~gladectr or call the park at 615-444-4564

April 28 Bicentennial Capitol Mall hosts Country Music Marathon

The best place to view both the full and half marathon is at the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park. Located at 600 James Robertson Parkway in Nashville. The best place to park is to come in on Jefferson Street to 5th Ave. and park in the state employee parking lots. Bring a picnic lunch or eat at one of the many shops at Farmers Market.

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David Crockett hosts Ramblin' with Randy for Wildflowers

(MIDDLE) A segment of David Crockett's "Celebrating 75 Years with 75 Events" Program. Meet up with the Tennessee's State Naturalist, Randy Hedgepath, at 2 p.m. CT for a hike through a section of the park rarely seen. Along your way, you are sure to see many interesting spring plants and wildflowers. Meet at Crawfish Valley Fire Department, 899 Crescent Factory Rd Lawrenceburg, TN 38464-2036. Be sure to wear bug spray, bring water, and a snack. E-mail rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408 for more information.

April 28

Sycamore Shoals hosts Community Plant Exchange

(EAST) Saturday, April 28 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. ET. The front parking lot will be bustling this morning! Bring cuttings and potted outdoor and indoor plants, to exchange for species you don't have—a fun way to meet other gardeners and increase your collection. For more information contact the park at 423-543-5808.

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April 28-June 2

Sgt. Alvin C. York hosts Smithsonian Exhibit - 75th Anniv.

Celebration (MIDDLE) For more information call 931-879-6456.

April 28

Long Hunter hosts Volunteer Trail Clean-up

Help the Middle Tennessee Hiking Meetup Group and Friends clear trash that washes up from Percy Priest Lake onto and near the Volunteer Trail. Please bring at least two large, strong trash bags, lunch and water. Wear sturdy shoes and long pants. A hat, sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended. Be prepared to walk a few miles to and from the trash hot spots. For more information call the park at 615-885-2422 or visit the Hiking Meetup Group to [learn more](#).

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May **Natchez Trace** hosts **Carl Perkins Child Abuse Trail Ride**
(WEST) Join us at Natchez Trace Wrangler camp. Bring your horses and join in on the activities. For more information contact 731-968-3742.

May **Natchez Trace** hosts **Endurance Ride**
(WEST) This event is held each year at the Natchez Trace Wrangler Camp. Riders head out on the trails at fast paces and go long distances. For more information contact 731-968-3742

May 1–Oct. 1 **Reelfoot Lake** hosts **Scenic Pontoon Boat Tour.**
(WEST) Experienced naturalists who are eager to discuss the history and wonders of this natural phenomenon pilot our cruise boats. A stop on historic Caney Island Indian Mound provides picnic tables and primitive restrooms. Majestic Cypress Trees rise from the reflective waters of Reelfoot Lake. A variety of aquatic plants and flowers occupy the shoreline and saturate the shallow water. Hundreds of birds fill the air with their songs. You may see Great Blue Herons, ducks, and an occasional American Bald Eagle soaring above. All of this creates an exhilarating cruise and enhances the serenity and peacefulness of Reelfoot Lake. You will marvel at the awe inspiring adventure “Mother Nature has in store for you. Interpretive cruises depart from the Visitor Center/Ellington Assembly Hall at 9 a.m. CT daily, May 1 thru October 1, (weather permitting). The tour is approximately 3 hours long. Special afternoon cruises are provided for groups of ten (10) or more, Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 1:30 p.m. CT and sunset. Reservations must be made in advance. Short cruises are offered on weekends and holidays at 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM. This cruise is approximately one (1) hour long. Reservations are required. You may call 731-253-9652 to make your reservation.

LONGCRUISE	\$9.00 - ADULTS
LONG CRUISE	\$6.00 - UNDER 16 YEARS OLD
SHORT CRUISE	\$6.00 - PER PERSON/ALL AGES

May 4-6 **Old Stone Fort** hosts **Old Stone Fort Knapp In**
(MIDDLE) Join for this 3 day event that will be featuring flint knapping, atlatl (spear throwing), basket weaving, and other native crafts. The museum deck will be available for knappers from Friday afternoon and evening through Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. CT. If you enjoy the use of atlatls, please bring your equipment for the atlatl competition. If you have any aboriginal skills that you would like to demonstrate, please contact the park office, we are always looking for volunteers. The park campground is within ½ mile of the museum and knapping area and has full facilities. For more information call 931-723-5073 or email stephanie.hayes@tn.gov.

May 4-6

Roan Mountain hosts Spring Naturalist Rally

(EAST) Dinner, evening guest speakers, hikes. Bird watching, night sky viewing. Led by the Friends of Roan Mountain. For more information call 423-543-5808.

May 5 -

Stillhouse Hollow Falls SNA Hike

(MIDDLE) Meet Park Rangers at 2 p.m. CT at the trail head for Stillhouse Hollow Falls on Hwy 43 near the Lawrence and Maury County line. We will hike to the base of the falls and back out. Hopefully the Oakleaf hydrangea will be blooming for our viewing pleasure. For directions and more information:

www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/stillhouse/

E-mail: Rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408 for more information.

May 5

Montgomery Bell hosts Dickson Endurance Run

Dickson Endurance Triathlon: Swim 1 Mile, Bike 38 Miles, Run 9.3 Miles Iron Nugget Sprint Triathlon: Swim ½ Mile, Bike 17 Miles, Run 3.1 Miles. For more information email kevin@endurancesportsmanagement.com.

May 5th

Natchez Trace hosts A Day in Nature: for Women

(WEST) Ladies have you ever wanted to try new hobbies in Nature? Then this is the weekend for you. We will enjoy a day exploring hobbies such as Photography, Geocaching, Archery, Campfire Cooking along with Dutch Oven and Canoeing with other ladies with similar interest. For more information contact Alisha.Weber@tn.gov.

May 5

Cumberland Mountain hosts Wildflower Photography Workshop

(PLATEAU) Meet at 9 a.m. CT at the park restaurant terrace. Join Ranger Johnson and Photographer Anthony Ladd as they take you on a fantastical journey through the forest of Cumberland Mountain State Park in search of that perfect wildflower photo and other picturesque vistas! Workshop will include photography tips, innovative ways of capturing dramatic images of wildflowers, wildflower identification and hike. For more information call 931-484-6138 or Monica.Johnson@tn.gov.

May 5

Rock Island hosts 75th Anniversary Celebration

(PLATEAU) Help us celebrate Tennessee State Park's 75th anniversary by remembering Rock Island State Park's 45th Birthday! Special interpretive programs, activities relating to the history of the park and the people who have made it special will be offered. Details and times to be announced and published on Rock Island State Park's Facebook page or call the park office at 931-686-2471

May 5

Dunbar Cave hosts Spring Fling

(MIDDLE) 7 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. CT. Celebrate the Parks 75th Anniversary with all day nature programs, including (tentatively) Bird Hike, Wildflower Hike, Backpacking Presentation, Raptors with S.O.A.R, Wildlife Rehabilitation with Walden's Puddle, Canoeing, Bluebirds, Snakes, and Native Amphibians and Reptiles. Presented by the Friends of Dunbar Cave, Tennessee Trails Clarksville Chapter, Warioto Audubon and TWRA. Complete schedule TBA. For more information call 931-648-5526.

May 5

Bicentennial Capitol Mall hosts Whole Kid Festival

(MIDDLE) This day is for children's mental health awareness. Come learn about the issues and have some fun playing games and making crafts with the volunteers with the Children's Mental Health Coalition and Tennessee Voices for Children. For more information about the park call 615-741-5280.

May 5 & 6**Fort Loudoun hosts Garrison Weekend**

(EAST) Men, women and children will bring Fort Loudoun back to life as they portray the soldiers, civilians and Cherokee who lived at Fort Loudoun and the surrounding area from 1756-1760. Event hours are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-884-6217.

May 7**Pickett hosts CCC Memorial State Park History Camps**

(PLATEAU) CCC History along with work demonstrations will be given at elementary schools in Pickett and Fentress Counties during the month of May, 2012. For more information please contact Travis Bow, Interpretive Specialist, at 931-879-5821.

May 11**David Crockett hosts Twilight Junior Ranger Camp**

(MIDDLE) Twilight Junior Ranger Camp Segment – 6 PM til 8 PM each night A segment of David Crockett's "Celebrating 75 Years with 75 Events" Program. This spring and summer we will be hosting a series of Junior Ranger Camps. Each day segment will consist of a different theme and participants will work to complete the Tennessee State Parks Junior Ranger Workbook. This camp will be held for 2 evenings and focus on nocturnal wildlife and astronomy. Make sure your Junior Ranger has had supper and is prepared with bug spray and a flashlight. This camp is open for ages 6-14, and you must call and sign up to attend. Cost is \$5.00 per attendant to cover supplies and cost. For more information call 931-762-9408 or email rachel.bridges@tn.gov.

May 12**Bicentennial Capitol Mall hosts Vision 5K Walk/Run**

(MIDDLE) Vision Walk raises money in support of the mission of FFB to fund critical retinal degenerative disease research. Come to walk or run to help raise awareness for this worthwhile event. For more information about the park call 615-741-5280.

May 12**Warriors' Path hosts Spring Fever Olympic Triathlon**

Swim course (1000 meters) Shallow lake swim along shoreline. * Bike course (26 miles) 1 loop on county roads through rolling hills. Run course (10k) Run course is 2 loops on park roads with one challenging hill included in both loops. This course is great for first time racers but includes challenges experienced racers will enjoy. For more information visit www.active.com.

May 12**Roan Mountain hosts Jr. Trout Tournament**

(EAST) Children ages 6 – 15 are encouraged to grab their fishing poles for a chance to catch "The Big One" and win prizes. Tagged fish will be stocked for the event. Sponsored by the Elizabethton Elks Lodge #1847 and Roan Mountain State Park. For more information call 423-543-1360.

May 12**Sycamore Shoals hosts Bird Walk with the Herndons TOS Chapter**

(EAST) Saturday, May 12 at 8 a.m ET. Meet other birders and naturalists at Sycamore Shoals for a morning of birding during the migratory season. For more information contact the park at 423-543-5808.

May 12**Cumberland Mountain hosts Byrd Creek Trail Run**

(PLATEAU) *15K Trail Run, 3.6 mi Run and 1.8 mi Fun Run*. This annual event begins at 7:30 a.m. CT with the 15K Trail Run and 3.6 mile Run which meanders through the park's forest. For those who like shorter distances the 1.8 mile Fun Run will start at 8 a.m. CT. Hosted by the Tennessee Park Ranger Association; the runs benefit the Ranger

Scholarship Fund and Cumberland Mountain's Junior Ranger program for kids. All runs will start and finish at Shelter 1 in the park's upper playground. And awards ceremony will be at 9 a.m. CT. Food and drinks will also be available. The pre-registration deadline is April 30. A race T-shirt is guaranteed to all pre-registered runners. Registration will also be available on Saturday, May 12, from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. CT. Entry fees are: 1.8mi Fun Run: Pre-registration - \$10 / Day of Run- \$15; 15K and 3.6 mi Trail Runs: Pre-Registration - \$25 / Day of Run - \$30. For more information call 931-484-6138.

May 18 **Sycamore Shoals** hosts **Colonial Kids at Fort Watauga**
(EAST) Reservations Only! Families, schools, and home school groups are invited to attend this all-day event for kids ages 8-12. Join the Washington County Militia for a taste of 18th century life: black powder muskets, old-time games, marching drills, tomahawk throwing, Dutch-oven cooking, and a host of other colonial activities. Admission is free and groups are welcome, but space is limited. Reservations are required! For more information contact the park at 423-543-5808.

May 19 **Bicentennial Capitol Mall** hosts **5K Walk/Run - Walk Me Home**
(MIDDLE) Join us for the 5th annual Walk Me Home. This event raises awareness and helps promote Foster Care for needed children. Sponsored by the TN Dept. of Children's Services. For more information about the park call 615-741-5280.

May 19 **Cedars of Lebanon** hosts **8th Annual Cedars Triathlon**
Welcome to the 8th annual Cedars of Lebanon Triathlon! The event consists of 200 yards pool swim, a 10 mile flat loop course around the park, and a 2 mile run completely within the state park. The race is limited to 504 racers and has sold out the past five years. This race benefits the Friends of Cedars of Lebanon, a non-profit group of volunteers dedicated to preserving, improving and promoting Cedars of Lebanon State Park through user ideas, funding, and volunteer labor. For complete details and registration visit www.team-magic.com/events/cedarsoflebanon/index.html.

May 19 **Frozen Head** hosts **Volunteer Trail Day**
(PLATEAU) 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET. The public is invited to join us in maintaining the park's trails. Tools will be provided. Volunteers should be prepared for a variety of weather conditions including rain and snow. Bring food, water and a daypack. Some areas require hiking one to two miles in rugged terrain. First time volunteers must complete a liability form. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

May 19 **Dunbar Cave** hosts **the annual Crawdad Hootenanny & Hike**
(MIDDLE) Don your boots and join intrepid biologists Wooten & Withers for an aquatic excursion to a natural area best known for its historic cave. Dunbar Cave SNA is home to some of our most clever crayfish—the mudbugs, or burrowers. Bring boots you don't mind getting wet and gloves you don't mind getting dirty. If the raccoons don't beat us to it, we will learn how to coax crayfish out of active burrows ("noodling") and identify them to species. We will meet at the Dunbar Cave office at 10 a.m. CT and hike to the margins of Dunbar Lake where we will begin our hike. We will follow the loop trail looking for fresh crayfish chimneys and their occupants. Leaders: David Withers, Natural Heritage Program Zoologist and Robin Wooten, Natural Areas Program Manager This

trip is limited to 15 guests. Don't forget to contact David to make your reservation and leave a phone number or E-mail to contact you in case we have to cancel the hootenanny on account of inclement weather. Reservations are required. RSVP to David Withers by May 14, 2012 at 615-532-0441 or david.withers@tn.gov.

May 19 **Cumberland Mountain** hosts **Solar & Star Gazing Party**
(PLATEAU) 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Solar viewing will begin at the upper softball field. 1 hour before sunset – A 40 minute pre dusk basic astronomy program will begin with planet and deep sky night observing following! Location Upper Softball Field. Solar viewing and night sky viewing led by Lloyd Watkins. For more information call 931-484-6138.

May 19 **Red Clay** hosts **Eastern Band of the Cherokee History Course**
Join Russell Townsend with the Tribal Historic Preservation Office for the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians History Course from approximately 1817 through the present on Sat. May 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET. Limited space. Must pre-register with payment of \$35 by mail to reserve spot. For more information call 423-478-0339. [View Flyer.](#)
[Registration Form.](#)

May 19 **Cordell Hull Birthplace** hosts **Folk Festival and 75th Anniversary Celebration**
(MIDDLE) Join us at the park as we go through time to explore the past. Visitors to the event will be able to view many different displays and reenactments of the past such as Native American Dancers, The Long Hunters, the Revolutionary War, and the Civil War as well as arts and crafts, quilt contests, folk music, and much, much, more! The park is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT. For more info call 931-864-3247.

May 19-20 **Sycamore Shoals** hosts **18th Annual Siege at Fort Watauga - Honoring the 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks**
(EAST) Saturday & Sunday, May 19 & May 20 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Step back to a vibrant and dangerous time...America declares Independence in the summer of 1776, and people beyond the mountains build forts, stock powder, and sharpen hatchets for the oncoming war. Walk among local legends—the vivacious Bonnie Kate, mysterious Old Abram, dignified Col. Carter, and daring John Sevier—for a glimpse of life on this “dark and bloody ground.” Colonial, native, and British re-enactors share their past through talks, mini-dramas, and demonstrations of 18th century life. Battle re-enactments both days. Contact the park for detailed schedule at 423-543-5808.

May 20 **Bicentennial Capitol Mall** hosts **Great Strides Walk**
(MIDDLE) Great Strides is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's largest and most successful national fundraising event. [Learn more.](#) For more information about the park call 615-741-5280.

May 21-27 **Edgar Evins** hosts **Western Wallflower Week**
(MIDDLE) Join Park Rangers & the Seasonal Naturalist for daily boat tours to view a magnificent display of this infrequent Tennessee wildflower, and other unique species endemic to the limestone bluffs on Center Hill Reservoir. Be sure to arrive prepared for sun & rain exposure, and to bring your binoculars and camera. Bottled water and a bagged lunch are also recommended. Meet at the Courtesy Dock. Boat will leave promptly at 10 a.m. CT. Please arrive 15 minutes prior. Duration: approximately 3 hrs.

Trips are limited to 12 people per tour. Sorry, no children under 3 years of age. To sign up call 931-858-2114 or 931-982-3918 or email Ranger Mark at mark.taylor@tn.gov.

May 26- David Crockett hosts 75th Anniversary Field Day
(MIDDLE) We are going to have a 75th Anniversary Field Day Party! Join Park Staff and The Friends of David Crockett State Park for a celebration from 2-4 p.m. CT of the 75 years of Tennessee State Parks and David Crockett State Park's 53 Birthday. There will be activities at the Visitor Center by the covered bridge and in the field adjacent to the Park Restaurant. State Park Naturalist Randy Hedgepath will be presenting his entertaining and engaging "75 Years In Tennessee State Parks" slideshow at the Visitor Center. And of course there will be cake! E-mail rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408 for more information.

May 26 Frozen Head hosts Echo in the Mountains
(PLATEAU) Open stage is from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. ET and music performances from 3-8 p.m. ET. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

May 26-Sept. 3 Meeman Shelby Forest hosts Deep Swamp Canoe Floats
(WEST) Sundays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. CT. A guided tour of Eagle Lake, a mature Bald Cypress swamp, a remote and seldom seen area. Naturalists will talk of the history of the area, native flora and fauna as you between towering trees. Get an excellent view of a large heron and egret rookery, see primitive fish splash by your canoe, and possibly glimpse a Bald Eagle. Reservations are required as there is limited seating. Privately owned canoes and kayaks are welcome. Meet at the Nature Center at Poplar Tree Lake 15 minutes in advance; prepare to caravan to the launch site. Bring water, snacks, mosquito repellent, sunscreen, and clothes and shoes that can get wet and muddy. Trips can be cancelled due to water level or weather. No fee. These trips can be scheduled for groups at other times depending on availability. Reservations and information: 901-876-5215

May 26 Natchez Trace hosts Memorial Day Activities
(WEST) This is our kick off to summer weekend. Bring the family and come out to Natchez Trace for a weekend of hayrides, pontoon trips, games and wildlife programs. Natchez Trace will have naturalist on staff from Memorial Day – Labor Day for environmental programming. So check out their weekly schedule by emailing us or checking our local papers. Alisha.Weber@tn.gov

May 26 Davy Crockett Birthplace hosts Memorial Day Weekend
(EAST) Come out and enjoy our summer kick-off season down at our Campground Pavilion. There will be kid's activities throughout the weekend by our Seasonal Interpretive Ranger beginning on Thursday. For more information contact: Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov.

May 26**Roan Mountain hosts Diamond Jubilee**

(EAST) Happy Anniversary Tennessee State Parks! Join us in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Tennessee State Parks at the Miller Farmstead, (alternate location the Park Conference Center). All activities are family friendly and handicapped parking is available. Activities include: Diamond Dash Trail Run at 9 a.m.; Homecoming Welcome of former/retired park employees 10 a.m.; Tellin' on the Porch/Stories from the Park's past 10:45 a.m.; Cake Judging 11 a.m. Bring a decorated cake to mark the occasion. Prizes awarded! Cake and ice cream party to follow the judging. Continuous historic slide show and continuous legacy project display. Roan Mountain is on central time. For more information call 423-772-0190.

May 25-28**David Crockett hosts Memorial Day Weekend**

(MIDDLE) Our summer programming series begins Memorial Day Weekend and will run through Labor Day Weekend. Program schedules are published each week on Monday, and information can be obtained by calling the Park Office or by watching the local papers. The schedule for Memorial Day Weekend will be available no later than May 21st. E-mail rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408 for more information.

May 26-Sept. 3**Meeman Shelby Forest hosts Guided Hikes**

(WEST) Join us at 10 a.m. CT for a guided 1.5 mile hike on the scenic Woodland Trail. A naturalist will talk about interesting plants and their uses, native wildlife, and forest ecology. Meet at the Visitor Center to hike to the trail head. Moderate difficulty with a couple large hills. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes and bring water and insect repellent. No reservations needed. These hikes can be scheduled for groups at other times depending on staff availability. For information call 901-876-5215.

May 26-Sept. 3**Meeman Shelby Forest hosts Pontoon Boat Trips**

Thursdays and Fridays 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (All times central.)

Saturdays 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sundays 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

(WEST) Guided boats trips on 153-acre Poplar Tree Lake. View herons, egrets, turtles, beaver lodges as a Naturalist talks about the lake history and native fauna and flora. Meet at the Nature Center 15 minutes in advance. Trips last 45 minutes. These trips can be scheduled for groups at other times depending on availability. \$1 per person. For reservations and information call 901-876-5215.

May 26-Sept. 3**Meeman Shelby Forest hosts Raptor Programs**

Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. (All times central.)

(WEST) Get a chance to see these beautiful birds of prey up close as a Naturalist discusses the creatures' amazing abilities and biology. Meet at the Nature Center. These programs can be scheduled for groups on and off site at other times depending on availability. For information call 901-876-5215.

May 26-Sept. 3**Meeman Shelby Forest hosts Reptile Programs**

Saturdays and Sundays 4 p.m. CT. (All times central.)

(WEST) Join a Naturalist at the Nature Center to meet a variety of live reptiles. Talk about how they live, hunt, hibernate and get the chance to touch one. These programs can be scheduled for groups on and off site at other times depending on availability. For information call 901-876-5215.

May 26-28 Fort Pillow hosts Memorial Day Celebration

(WEST) Join Fort Pillow as we kick off our summer programming season with 3 full days of programs. There will be outdoor activities and programs for all ages. For more information call 731-738-5581.

June 1 - July 28 Cordell Hull Birthplace hosts Junior Ranger Program

(MIDDLE) This summer we are offering children of all ages a chance to participate in the Junior Ranger Program! Our program incorporates a variety of historic and nature-themed programs and emphasizes hands-on learning. Topics include World Biomes, wilderness survival, World War I and II, and candle making! Children have the opportunity of attending these programs on Friday, Saturday and Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. CT throughout the summer. For more info call 931-864-3247.

June - August Davy Crockett Birthplace hosts Thursday Night Movies

(MIDDLE) Every other Thursday night beginning on June 7, family movies will be shown (G, PG & some PG-13) on a big screen down at the campground shelter. Movies will begin at 8:30 pm sharp. Movies are free of charge. For more information contact: Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov.

June - August Davy Crockett Birthplace hosts Programs

(MIDDLE) Weekly programs will be given on the park during the summer months on nature, wildlife habitats, geology and paleontology, nature hikes, fishing on the Nolichucky, traditional arts and crafts, campfire programs and more. Educational programs can be arranged for groups, home schooled organizations or individual families. Please contact Visitor's Center to schedule a date at 423-257-2167 or Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov.

June- Fridays Natchez Trace hosts Sunset Canoe Trips

(WEST) Join our naturalist as we head out on the placid waters of Browns Lake for a Sunset Canoe Trip. Visitors will have the opportunity to see wildlife during one of the prime times for viewing. This trip is for both the experienced and beginners. Contact Alisha.Weber@tn.gov.

June 1 Bicentennial Capitol Mall hosts Statehood Day

(MIDDLE) The park will celebrate Tennessee's 216th year as a state. June 1, 1796 was Tennessee's date of statehood and June 1, 1996 was Tennessee's Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park dedication day. For more information call 615-741-5800.

June 1-2-3/Fall TBA Fall Creek Falls hosts Rock Climbing Workshop

(PLATEAU) First comes instruction in basic knots, harnesses, and techniques, and then we meet some of the milder bluffs and boulders in the park. For more information regarding fees, registration and fall workshops, email Ray.Cutcher@tn.gov.

June 2 – July 28 Cordell Hull birthplace hosts Hobbits in Wonderland - Nature & Literature Event

(MIDDLE) A new type of Program is being hosted this summer at Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park! In an effort to encourage children of all ages to read and explore nature, we are hosting a series of programs throughout June and July featuring classic children's stories with a nature theme such as "The Hobbit" and "Robin Hood". Each program meets at the park office on Saturdays from 2:00 to 3:00PM CST. For more information call 931-864-3247.

June 2 Bicentennial Capitol Mall hosts MADD 5K Walk/Run

(MIDDLE) Bicentennial Capitol Mall is the setting for many fund raising walks during the spring and summer months. Once again, Mothers Against Drunk Driving are holding their 5K charity walk to raise awareness and funds for the non-profit group. For more information about the park call 615-741-5280.

June 2 National Trails Day (events TBA)

June 2 Cumberland Trail hosts National Trails Day Dedication

(Plateau) Join us for National Trails Day and the 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks Celebration at Cove Lake State Park. We will recognize the dedicated volunteers that have over the years given of their efforts to build and promote this wonderful experience we call the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail. For more information call 423-907-8203.

June 2 Fort Pillow hosts National Trails Day Hike

(West) Join Park staff at 9 a.m. for a 5-mile hike along the Yellow Trail. We will travel along the 1861 Earth Works and visit the Restored Fortifications. For more information call 731-738-5581.

June 2 Frozen Head hosts Volunteer Trail Day on National Trails Day

(PLATEAU) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET. The public is invited to join us in maintaining the park's trails. Tools will be provided. Volunteers should be prepared for a variety of weather conditions including rain and snow. Bring food, water and a daypack. Some areas require hiking one to two miles in rugged terrain. First time volunteers must complete a liability form. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

June 2 Cordell Hull Birthplace hosts National Trail Work Day and Hike

(MIDDLE) Join the park for a rewarding morning of trail work followed by a guided hike on the Bunkum Cave Trail. Assistance is needed to maintain this beautiful trail! Long pants and boots recommended. Snacks, water, work gloves and tools will be provided. Meet at 9 a.m. CT at the trailhead. For more information call 931-864-3247.

June 2 Pickett hosts State Parks 75th Anniversary: Heritage Day

(PLATEAU) Please join us at Pickett CCC Memorial State Park to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks. Heritage Day activities will include blacksmith demonstrations, log hewing, crosscut saw and mule skidding demonstrations, period

clothing, CCC Museum tours, old time music, square dance, wagon rides, and games. Hours are from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. CT, square dance at 8 p.m. CT. For more information please contact Travis Bow, Interpretive Specialist, at 931-879-5821.

June 2 State Natural Areas hosts **Tennessee Coneflower Natural Areas Tour** (MIDDLE) Our tour will provide an opportunity to experience Middle Tennessee cedar glades and barrens visiting numerous nearby locations for Tennessee coneflower. It will be peak flowering time for Tennessee coneflower, and an opportunity to celebrate the success of its recovery. It was September 2, 2011, when it was removed off of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) because it is now a healthy thriving species with all of the extant populations protected in Tennessee state natural areas. Come enjoy seeing a rare species that was once on the brink of extinction, but today can be seen in the unique habitat of many of our Middle Tennessee state natural areas, including Couchville, Mt. View and Vesta Cedar Glades and Barrens. The event will include moderate non-strenuous hiking. Bring a lunch and plenty of water. Meet at 9 a.m. CT at the parking lot of Target on Bell Road (Hickory Hollow Mall area). Reservations required: RSVP by June 1st to Brian Bowen, 615-532-0436 or Brian.Bowen@tn.gov. Transportation will be provided but space is limited. We will return to the Target parking lot by 2:30.

June 2 State Natural Areas host **Tennessee Coneflower Tour Part Deux** (MIDDLE) Our group will take a botanical tour of several cedar glades in Middle Tennessee to see rare plants which are found in glades and barrens. The Tennessee Coneflower is one of these rare plants and it has been removed from the Endangered Species list. It is now thriving at Vesta Cedar Glade SNA and Couchville Cedar Glade SNA. These two natural areas will be the focus of our tour but other sites will be an option. Our tour is timed for the peak of flowering so plenty of flowers will be seen. We will see numerous other rare species in the glades and discuss why they occur in this special habitat. Spring will be turning to summer and we will catch some plants from both seasons in flower. The hiking will not be strenuous but on a sunny day the heat can be an issue in cedar glades. Plan accordingly to avoid overheating or sunburn. Bring a lunch and plenty of water. We plan to complete the tour by 2:00 pm. Leaders: Todd Crabtree, State Botanist and Robin Wooten, Tennessee Natural Areas Program, Resource Management Division. Meet at 10 a.m. CT at Cedars of Lebanon State Park in the parking lot adjacent to the Nature Center. Reservations are required. RSVP by June 1st to Todd Crabtree, 615-532-1378 or Todd.Crabtree@tn.gov.

June 2 & 3 Sycamore Shoals hosts **Native American Festival** (EAST) Saturday & Sunday, June 2 & 3 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. A two-day celebration of our Native American heritage! Award-winning dancers, storytellers, artists, and scholars gather at the circle to share knowledge and demonstrate their skills. Come and discover Native American arts, music, and legends, with an emphasis on the Cherokee culture. Admissions Charge. Contact the park for details at 423-543-5808.

June 2 & 3 Rock Island hosts **National Trails Day** (PLATEAU) Come celebrate with us the American Hiking Society's National Trails Day! This is a great opportunity to volunteer, have fun, and make a difference! Weekend events will include a Gorge and Beach Clean-up and guided hikes with the park naturalist! Groups, families and individuals all welcome. Details to be announced and published on Rock Island State Park's Facebook page or call the park office at 931-686-2471.

June 4-6 Meeman Shelby Forest hosts Jr. Ranger Camps
(WEST) (Additional days: June 18-20.) Kids will learn skills and certify in several topics such as wildlife, plants, water, astronomy, history, and more. These are fun filled days with not only learning, but games, hiking, canoeing, swimming, fishing, and good healthy snacks. Camps are Monday to Wednesday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT. Registration begins May 1. Limited spots. For information call 901-876-5215.

June 9 Cumberland Mountain hosts Free Fishing Day
(PLATEAU) 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. CT. Meet the Naturalist, Park Rangers, & Friends Group members in front of the park restaurant for food, fun, and prizes!! For more information call 931-484-6138.

June 9 Meeman Shelby Forest hosts Annual Kids' Fishing Rodeo
(WEST) On TWRA's Free Fishing day there is no need for a license! So come to the Nature Center on 135-acre Poplar Tree Lake and register for the fishing rodeo. For ages up to 16 with limited help from adults. May use artificial and live bait. Bank fishing only. Registration starts at 7 a.m. CT. Weigh in at any time, final check-in and awards ceremony at 11 a.m. Door prizes to all registered, trophies for largest, smallest, and most fish. For information call 901-876-5215.

June 9 David Crockett hosts Fishing Rodeo – Time TBA
(MIDDLE) A segment of David Crockett's "Celebrating 75 Years with 75 Events" Program. Fishing Rodeo and fun activities will be held at Lake Lindsey. Prizes will be awarded and more information will be announced soon. E-mail bill.loewer@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408 for more information.

June 9 Fort Pillow hosts Youth Fishing Rodeo
(WEST) Come and go fishing with the staff at Fort Pillow during Tennessee's free fishing day. All kids 12 and under can participate and win prizes. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. CT. Lunch will be provided. For more information call 731-738-5581.

June 9-10 Davy Crockett Birthplace hosts Appalachian Heritage Fair
(EAST) Join Park Staff and our Pioneer Friends Group for this 2-day event in Celebrating 75 years in State Parks with Traditional Art and Crafts of our Region and Traditional Regional Music. This event showcases local artisans and their handmade more traditional Appalachian style crafts, traditional flowers, herbs and local organic farmers. Local food vendors will be on hand. For more information or to be considered as a craft or food vendor. Sat. June 9, 10-5, Sun June 10, 10-4:30 please contact: Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov. For more information call 423-257-2167.

June 11 Natchez Trace hosts Kids Fishing Rodeo
(WEST) Kids bring a pole and come on out to *Cub Lake* from 7:30 a.m. till 11 a.m. CT for our Free Fishing Rodeo. Prizes will be awarded and you will get to meet the Park Rangers and TWRA officer along with some cool wildlife demonstrations. Join us any time during these hours to participate. For more info Contact: Alisha.Weber@tn.gov

June 11-15 Natchez Trace hosts Jr. Ranger Day Camp
(WEST) This is an Outdoor Environmental Education Day Camp for children ages 8-12. Children will meet from 8 a.m. till noon CT and enjoy learning new activities such as camp set up day, backpacking/day hiking, fishing, water safety (paddle boats and

swim day), history explorers and a Jr. Ranger Relay. Advanced sign up is required. For more information on this program contact: Alisha.Weber@tn.gov.

June 11-15 Cumberland Mountain hosts Junior Ranger Day Camp
(PLATEAU) Camp is for ages 8-12. The cost is \$25. There is a limit of 30 kids for the camp so sign up fast! For more info call 931-484-6138.

June 14 Red Clay hosts TSP 75th Anniversary Celebration
(PLATEAU) 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET. 75th Anniversary Party for Tennessee State Parks System and 33rd for Red Clay. Birthday cake! Special programs! Everyone welcomed! For more information call 423-478-0339.

June 16 Warriors' Path hosts Dragonfly Day
(EAST) Learn to observe, photograph and identify native dragonflies and damselflies. You should bring a sack lunch and dress for outdoor field conditions. Bring close-focusing binoculars and a camera if you have them. To learn more [view flyer](#). Free but pre-registration is required. To pre-register, contact the park office 423-239-8531 or email Marty.Silver@tn.gov.

June 16 Laurel-Snow SNA hosts Wildflower & Waterfall Hike
(PLATEAU) Join our Natural Areas Staff for a day of hiking at this beautiful and remote natural area on the Cumberland Plateau which includes a portion of the Cumberland State Scenic Trail. We will be looking for late spring/early summer wildflowers and observing all plants and wildlife along the way as we hike to Laurel Falls. Depending on rainfall the falls may be already low for the season but the view will be worth the hike up! The very interesting cultural history of the region will be discussed and participants will see remnants of mining activity. The route is moderate to strenuous. Wear sturdy shoes and hiking clothes, and bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks. Roundtrip hike is approximately 5 miles and 5 hours. Meet at 9 a.m. ET at the Laurel Snow SNA. Laurel-Snow is located north of Dayton and is accessible via Highway 27/29. Reservations are required; contact Robin at 615-532-4799 or Robin.Wooten@tn.gov.

June 16 Burgess Falls 8th annual Butterfly Garden Celebration
(MIDDLE) Help us celebrate the award-winning native plant butterfly garden, that park staff, the Putnam County Master Gardeners and volunteers created with funding from the Iris License Plate program. The 8th annual Butterfly Garden Celebration is a fun filled day with staff led educational programs, hikes, butterfly identification, creek studies, landscaping with native plants and more! For more information call 931-432-5312.

June 16 & 17 Roan Mountains hosts the Rhododendron Festival
(EAST) Celebrate the blooming of the Catawba Rhododendron Gardens atop the Mountain. The festival features crafts, folkway demonstration, music and food. Held at the amphitheater starting at 10 a.m. ET both days. Sponsored by the Roan Mountain Citizens Club. For more information visit www.roanmountain.com.

June 18-20 Meeman Shelby Forest hosts Jr. Ranger Camps

(Additional days: June 18-20.) Day Camps to learn skills and certify in several topics such as wildlife, plants, water, astronomy, history, and more. These are fun filled days with not only learning, but games, hiking, canoeing, swimming, fishing, and good healthy snacks. Camps are Monday to Wednesday 9am to 3pm. Registration begins May 1. Limited spots. For information call 901-876-5215.

June 21 Sycamore Shoals hosts Celebrating Our Stories

(EAST) Thursdays, March 15, June 21, September 20 7 p.m. ET. The fascinating stories of Sycamore Shoals will be presented by the Friends of Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area. Guest speakers will share early 18th century tales of monumental events that took place on this land, and it's ultimate designation as a Tennessee State Park on July 2, 1976. Contact the park for more information at 423-543-5808.

June 22 & 23 Fall Creek Falls hosts Astronomy Weekends

(PLATEAU) Additional dates: July 20& 21, August 17 & 18. Join us at the Inn for discussions regarding constellations, lunar lore, and our brightest star, the Sun. Telescope viewing will also be offered, weather permitting. For more information, email Lloyd Watkins at watkinslk@comcast.net, or visit www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org.

June 23 Reelfoot Lake SNA hosts annual Butterfly Count

(WEST) Please join Allan Trently, Stewardship Ecologist, Natural Areas Program and Bart Jones, Butterfly Expert Extraordinaire for the Reelfoot Lake Butterfly Count. Butterfly species and numbers will be counted and the data will be sent to the North American Butterfly Association. These counts allow amateurs and professionals alike to participate in the appreciation and conservation of butterflies. The count leader is Bart Jones of Memphis. The first part of the count will take place around the Park's visitor center where we typically see the rare Tennessee butterfly, the Broad-winged Skipper. From there we will count butterflies in and around the lake. In 2011 the very rare Bronze Copper butterfly was located. You are not expected to identify and count the butterflies but merely participate in learning about these insects and some of the plants that they use. The count typically ends around 5 p.m. but you may leave earlier if needed. Since we will be out in the sun for most of the day bring sun block and plenty of water. Wear sturdy shoes, bring a snack and binoculars if you have them, and dress appropriately for the weather. We will not go in the event of inclement weather. Meet at 9:30 a.m. CT at the Reelfoot Lake State Park visitor's center at 2595 State Route 21E, Tiptonville, TN 38079 (visitor center 731-253-9652). Reservations are required: Contact Allan Trently at 731-512-1369 or at allan.trently@tn.gov no later than June 21st. If you need to call me on June 23rd call my cell at 731-234-4887.

June 23 David Crockett hosts Great American Backyard Campout

(MIDDLE) A segment of David Crockett's "Celebrating 75 Years with 75 Events" Program. In conjunction with our Junior Ranger Program, we will be participating in the Great American Backyard Campout from 6 p.m. CT Saturday evening til morning. Families are welcome and encouraged to get outside! All campers under 18 must have an adult to stay, but does not have to be a participant in the Junior Ranger Program to attend. Families will need camping gear and a more detailed schedule will be released soon. Get ready for campfires, fun, friends and memories you will treasure forever! E-mail rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408 for more information.

June 23**Davy Crockett Birthplace hosts Pioneer Kids Camp**

(EAST) Join Park Staff and our Pioneer Friends Group in Celebrating 75 years in State Parks by a day of hands on demonstrations of Pioneer skills and crafts for all the kids. Pioneer Kids Camp helps kids understand and experience their Appalachian frontier heritage of the early 1800's. Kids will get hands on experience with archery, traditional crafts of the time period, tomahawk throwing, fire starting and more. Local artisans and interpreters will be on hand to instruct. This event will begin at 10:00 am. For more information contact: Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov. For more information call 423-257-2167.

June 23 & 24**Fort Loudoun hosts 75th Anniversary Event- Emissaries of Peace: Timberlake in the Overhills**

(EAST) This multifaceted program will highlight the visit of Lt Henry Timberlake to the Overhill Cherokee country in 1762. Programs planned included guided tours of the Little Tennessee Valley with guides from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, scholarly lectures on Timberlake and his interaction with the Cherokee, videoconferencing with speakers from the London Museum and living history which will depict the 18th century Cherokee. Event hours are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-884-6217

June 30 & July 1**Sycamore Shoals hosts An 18th Century Independence Celebration & Muster - Honoring the 75th Anniv. of TN State Parks**

(EAST) Saturday June 30 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday July 1 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET. Experience the 4th of July, 18th century-style! What did colonists think about a new nation? Be a guest in Fort Watauga as news of Independence arrives to the colonial frontier. Walk among historical characters and hear their varied reactions to the Declaration, from fear of war to the hope of a brighter future. The Celebration will take place on Saturday; the muster will continue until Sunday at 3 pm. Contact the park for detailed schedule at 423-543-5808.

June 30**Roan Mountain hosts Independence Day Celebration**

(EAST) Traditional old time games, checkers tournament, watermelon eating contest, bicycle parade 8-12 a.m. ET. Live entertainment at the amphitheater from 4-9 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-772-0190.

June 30 -**David Crockett hosts Hike the Park Front to Back and Back Again**

A segment of David Crockett's "Celebrating 75 Years with 75 Events" Program. The monthly hike for June will be a morning hike from the front of the park to the falls and back to the front again! This hike is considered moderately strenuous and will be approximately 4.5 to 5 miles long. Make sure to bring bug spray, water and snacks. Should also have some great photo opportunities, so bring a camera! E-mail rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408 for more information.

July Fridays**Natchez Trace hosts Sunset Pontoon Trips**

(WEST) Join our naturalist as they head out on Pin Oak Lake for a sunset tour. Visitors can arrive early for supper at the Lodge. There is a 10-person limit for this ride you can sign up at Pin Oak Lodge 731-968-8176. Alisha.Weber@tn.gov.

July 2- 4**Natchez Trace hosts July 4th Weekend**

(WEST) Join us for a weekend of family fun, hayrides, pontoon trips, games and wildlife programs. Our naturalist will be offering various programs through the holiday weekend. Alisha.Weber@tn.gov.

July 4 **Fall Creek Falls** hosts **Fourth of July Celebration**
(PLATEAU) Dress up your car, your bike, or yourself for our “traditional” parade, which ends in Campground A. After watermelon and cake, we will move to the field for events such a sack race, the egg toss, tug-o-war and other family favorites. For more information call 423-881-5298.

July 4 **Cumberland Mountain** hosts **4th Annual 4th of July Parade**
(PLATEAU) 9:30 a.m. CT. Meet at Park Office to decorate your bike, car, dog, etc. 10:00 a.m. Parade will begin at 10 a.m. *Decorate your bike, vehicle, dog, & yourself and show off your Independence Pride!! Family games, watermelon seed spitting contest, and much more will follow the parade at the baseball field beside Shelter 1. This activity is free to the public. For more information call 931-484-6138.

July 4 **Fort Pillow** hosts **Independence Day Celebration**
(WEST) Join Fort Pillow as we celebrate our country's independence with a day filled with outdoor programs and activities. For more information call 731-738-5581.

July 7 **Davy Crockett** hosts **Independence Day Celebration**
(EAST) This event is held for all our campers staying here at Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park. A “Best Decorated Camper” contest will also be held with the chance of winning 3 FREE nights of camping at our park. A “Best Decorated Bicycle” will also be given after our bicycle parade. For more information contact: Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov

July 12-14 **Sycamore Shoals** hosts **Liberty: The Saga of Sycamore Shoals**
(EAST) Now in our 34th Year! -Honoring the 75th Anniversary of TN State Parks Thursday – Saturday, July 12 - 14, 19 - 21, & 26 - 28 7:30 p.m. ET. Tennessee’s official outdoor drama, presented by local performers against the backdrop of Fort Watauga. See the Revolution as told by the Overmountain Men: colonists who defied British law and settled on Cherokee lands. These settlers formed an independent government, made treaties with the Cherokee, defended their homes, and fought a British army at the epic battle of King’s Mountain. Bleacher seating is available in the Amphitheater. Sponsored by Friends of Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area. Ticket Prices: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$8 children, 5 and under free. Contact the park for more information at 423-543-5808.

July 16-20 **Roan Mountain** hosts **Jr. Ranger Camp**
(EAST) Children ages 8-12 learn outdoor skills from experienced Ranger staff. For more information call 423-772-0190.

July 18 **Cumberland Mountain** hosts **CCC Day**
(PLATEAU) 10:00 a.m. CT. Meet at the Recreation Hall. Members of the CCC Company 3464 will be honored for their hard work constructing the park. In honor of the CCC and to celebrate our 75th Anniversary a history display will be set up, Rangers dressed in CCC attire telling the story of the CCC days, a CCC slideshow of old photos, and much much more! For more information call 931-484-6138.

July 20 & 21 **Fall Creek Falls** hosts **Astronomy Weekends**
(PLATEAU) Additional dates: August 17 & 18. Join us at the Inn for discussions regarding constellations, lunar lore, and our brightest star, the Sun. Telescope viewing will also be offered, weather permitting. For more information, email Lloyd Watkins at watkinslk@comcast.net, or visit www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org.

July 21 TN Natural Areas hosts Streams and Waterfalls of the Highland Rim/Cumberland Plateau

(PLATEAU) Get your feet wet in diverse streams and spectacular waterfalls from two different physiographic provinces of Tennessee. During this all-day trip we will compare and contrast the ecology and geology of streams that cascade over Tennessee's Highland Rim with those that meander on top of and drop over the side of the Cumberland Plateau. We will travel from Nashville along the I-40 corridor to a waterfall in the Caney Fork watershed on the Highland Rim. From there we will continue working our way up the Cumberland Plateau with stops at Ozone Falls in the Fall Creek system and Piney Falls in the Little Piney and Soak Creek systems. Bring lunch, a camera, sturdy shoes, and common sense as the trails surrounding these streams can be steep and slippery. In safe locations, wading will be encouraged if weather and time permit. Meet at 8 a.m. CT at the Donelson Pike K-Mart parking area (just north of the Donelson Pike-I-40 Exit 216) in Nashville. Reservations are required. RSVP by July 18 to Silas Mathes, 615-532-0431 or silas.mathes@tn.gov. The first 10 reservations can take advantage of transportation provided by the Tennessee Natural Areas Program.

July 21 Reelfoot Lake hosts Water Garden Tour

(WEST) Join Robin Wooten, Tennessee Natural Areas Program & David Haggard, West Tennessee Regional Interpreter, Tennessee State Parks for a day of floating nature study at Reelfoot Lake State Park & Natural Area in northwest Tennessee. We are offering a pontoon tour where we will glide slowly through the multitude of blooming water plants for close study and photographic opportunities. Meet at the State Park visitor center. Tour is from 8 a.m. until noon CT. Cost for the pontoon ride is \$9 for adults, \$6 for children, and 5 and under are free. Wear sunscreen and a hat and bring water and snacks. The tour will last approximately 4 hours. For more information email Robin.Wooten@tn.gov or David.Haggard@tn.gov. Reservations are required: call Reelfoot Lake visitor center at 731-235-9652.

July 21 Frozen Head hosts Volunteer Trail Day

(PLATEAU) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET. The public is invited to join us in maintaining the park's trails. Tools will be provided. Volunteers should be prepared for a variety of weather conditions including rain and snow. Bring food, water and a daypack. Some areas require hiking one to two miles in rugged terrain. First time volunteers must complete a liability form. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

July 28 Frozen Head hosts CCC Reunion

(PLATEAU) 9 a.m. ET. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

July 28 Warriors' Path hosts Folklife Festival

(EAST) Come celebrate Tennessee State Park's 75th anniversary, and also celebrate the folk traditions of East TN. Enjoy traditional life skills and crafts demonstrations, traditional games and contests, old-timey music, and more. And don't miss the tales around the campfire! Free. Contact the park office 423-239-8531 or email Marty.Silver@tn.gov for a complete schedule of the day's events.

July 28 Duck River State Scenic River hosts Canoe Float

(MIDDLE) Come join us as we enjoy the cool waters of the Duck River on a warm summer day. We will be on a very flat and easy stretch of river from Leftwich Bridge to the TWRA take out at Howard Bridge. This stretch of the river has a gentle current, no rapids, and will take about 4 hours to float. This is an excellent opportunity for beginners to canoe. Participants are welcome to bring their own canoe or kayak, but will have to provide their own transportation if they do. Transportation from put-in to take-out can be arranged. Canoes can be rented at a special discount of \$12.50 per person or \$25 per canoe through a local canoe vendor. Our put-in point is about a 45-minute drive south of Nashville on I-65. Bring lunch and water and perhaps a change of clothes. Meet at 9 a.m. CT at the Target parking area at Old Hickory Blvd. and I-65 in Brentwood. Reservations are required. RSVP by July 26 to Forrest Evans, 615-532-0431 or forrest.evans@tn.gov. The first 10 reservations can take advantage of transportation provided by the Tennessee Natural Areas Program..

July 28 Roan Mountain hosts Xtreme Roan Adventures Youth Rally

(EAST) Kids enjoy nature talks, hikes, live animals and much more. For more information call 423-773-9234.

July 28 Dunbar Cave hosts Cooling at the Cave

(MIDDLE) 4 - 6 p.m. CT. Celebrate the Parks 75th Anniversary with a trip back to Dunbar's past - enjoy games, music and refreshments at the cool Cave Entrance. For more information call 931-648-5526.

July 29 Panther Creek hosts 2012 XTERRA Off Road Triathlon:

Join in the excitement and challenge that is XTERRA at the Panther Creek. Swim 800 Meters, Mountain Bike 16 Miles, Trail Run 4.5 Miles. This XTERRA points series event helps participants earn their way to the USA Championship event in Ogden, UT. Don't miss your chance to hit the trails and get dirty! Packet Pick-up & on-site registration - Sunday, July 29, 6:30-7:30 a.m. ET. Start time: 8 a.m. Email kevin@endurancesportsmanagement.com for more information.

August 4 T.O. Fuller State Park hosts Fullerfest

(WEST) Join us on August 4 as we celebrate Tennessee State Park's 75th Anniversary. Enjoy a day filled with interpretive programs relating to the history of Tennessee State Parks and T.O.Fuller. This family-friendly event includes a Car Show, Arts & Crafts, Music (live DJ) and food. Call our park office for more details 901-543-7581.

August 4 & 5 Red Clay hosts 30th Annual Cherokee Days of Recognition

This is an event to honor the Cherokee people, their history, culture and craftsmanship. Featured programs include Cherokee traditional and fancy dances, storytellers, music, living history demonstrators, native foods and more. Parking \$5 donation. For more information call 423-478-0339.

August 5 Sycamore Shoals hosts **10th Annual Elizabethton Butterfly Count** (EAST) 9 a.m. & 1 p.m. ET. Meet naturalist Don Holt at Sycamore Shoals for this day-long winged adventure across town. Come for all or part of the day. Sponsored by the North American Butterfly Association & Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area. (Rain Date to be announced). For more information contact the park at (423)543-5808.

August 10 & 11 David Crockett State Park hosts **David Crockett Days** (MIDDLE) Living history event to celebrate Crockett's Birthday. Black powder shooting matches, tomahawks throwing competition, traders, food and more! For more information call 931-762-9408.

August 11 Frozen Head hosts **Heritage Day** (PLATEAU) Frozen Head State Park and Natural Area will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in conjunction with Heritage Day, Saturday, August 11 and we invite the public to come enjoy the arts, crafts, food and music of the Cumberland Mountains. Heritage Day is an event celebrating the folk music and crafts of traditional Appalachian and Cumberland Plateau culture found in and around Frozen Head. Heritage Day features craftspeople, demonstrators, and musicians from around the region performing throughout the day. This year's event will include a celebration of Tennessee State Park's 75th Anniversary. Bring the kids to play children's games, listen to stories, and make corn husk dolls. Handmade jewelry, toys, and more. Primitive weapons and traditional demonstrations will take you back in time. Food vendors on site with delicious plate lunches, funnel cakes, and more. Come join us. It's free to get in. Details will be updated as planning progresses. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

August 11 Oak Ridge Barrens hosts **Nature Study** (EAST) Join Robin Wooten, Tennessee Natural Areas Program & April Welch, East Tennessee Regional Interpreter, for a morning of close nature study of the plants of barrens and glades. What is the difference between these two habitat types and what unique plants grow there? Oak Ridge Barrens natural area is 15 acres and is owned and cared for by the city of Oak Ridge. Oak Ridge Cedar Barren State Natural Area is next to Jefferson Middle School Fairbanks Road in Oak Ridge. Parking is limited so park in adjacent parking lot and walk over to the trailhead. Program will last approximately 2 hours. Meet at 9 a.m. ET at the Oak Ridge Barrens Registered State Natural Area. Reservations are required; contact Robin at 615-532-4799 or Robin.Wooten@tn.gov.

August 11 Cumberland Mountain hosts **CCC Hike** (PLATEAU) Meet at the park office at 10 a.m. CT for a hike along Byrd Creek a trail built by the CCC. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for appropriate weather, & bring water. For more information call 931-484-6138.

August 11 & 12 Fort Loudoun hosts **Cherokee Victory at Fort Loudoun** (EAST) This living history event commemorates the Cherokee victory over the British at Fort Loudoun in 1760. Event hours are 10 a.m. ET until 5 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-884-6217.

August 17 & 18 Fall Creek Falls hosts Astronomy Weekends

(PLATEAU) Join us at the Inn for discussions regarding constellations, lunar lore, and our brightest star, the Sun. Telescope viewing will also be offered, weather permitting. For more information, email Lloyd Watkins at watkinslk@comcast.net, or visit www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org.

August 17 & 18 Big Ridge hosts Bluegrass 75th Anniversary Celebration

(EAST) We are celebrating 75 years of Tennessee State Parks and 30 years of Bluegrass at Big Ridge! In addition to our 30th annual Big Ridge Bluegrass Festival, we will have cultural demonstrations and activities to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our State Park System. Please join us! Music starts at 7 p.m. ET on Friday. Other event schedules will be updated as planning progresses. For more information call 865-992-5523.

August 17-18-19 Davy Crockett Birthplace hosts Crockett Days

(EAST) Join park staff, and local historical interpreters for a 3-day event celebrating the birth of David Crockett, pioneer, political leader, and one of Tennessee and Greene County's most famous sons. Explore living history demonstrations depicting life on the frontier, activities, workshops, kid's games, crafts, period food and music. All activities will highlight early Pioneer life in Tennessee. Beginning at 12 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday; and 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Sunday. There is no fee for this event but donations to the Pioneer Friends Group are greatly appreciated. For more information call 423-257-2167 or contact: Mark.Halback@tn.gov.

August 18 Frozen Head hosts Volunteer Trail Day

(PLATEAU) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET. The public is invited to join us in maintaining the park's trails. Tools will be provided. Volunteers should be prepared for a variety of weather conditions including rain and snow. Bring food, water and a daypack. Some areas require hiking one to two miles in rugged terrain. First time volunteers must complete a liability form. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

August 18 & 19 Fall Creek Falls hosts 10k & Triathlon

(PLATEAU) Push your limits in a 1.5km swim followed by a 40km bike ride and a 10km run. There will be a 10k on Saturday morning as well! For more information on this event contact Kevin Mahan by email at kevin@endurancesportsmanagement.com or call 865-988-3906. Be sure to ask what other races will be offered throughout the year!

August 25 Cumberland Mountain hosts CCC Hike

(PLATEAU) Hike along the Pioneer Trail, a trail built by the CCC, and learn a variety of things from plant id and water ecology to history of the CCC. 10 a.m. Meet at the boat dock at 10 a.m. CT. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for appropriate weather, & bring water. For more information call 931-484-6138.

August 25 Couchville Glade SNA hosts Sunset Stroll

(MIDDLE) Join Robin Wooten, Tennessee Natural Areas Program & Jason Allen, Naturalist, Friends of Long Hunter State Park for a very special sunset walk through this beautiful cedar glade natural area. Participants will be able to view a variety of flowering

plants including Tennessee Coneflower before the sun sets. We should be able to see and possibly hear nightjars, swallows and bats. The stroll will be easy and last approximately two hours. Be sure to bring your camera! Meet at 6 p.m. CT at the parking lot for Couchville Glade. Reservations are required; contact Robin at 615-532-4799 or Robin.Wooten@tn.gov.

August 26 Long Hunter hosts 8th Annual Lost Loon Triathalon

Sponsored by the Friends of Long Hunter, this annual event is a family favorite. The Lost Loon Triathlon consists of nine miles of biking, two miles of canoeing and four miles of running/walking. Racers may participate in all segments or just one. About half the racers are fit and competitive athletes. There are a number of weekend warriors, dawdlers and walkers. There is no official clock or time limit. The idea is to have fun and enjoy the great outdoors. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in the race or help as a volunteer or cheerleader. For complete details visit www.lostloons.com or call 615-885-2422.

September - November Natchez Trace hosts Fall Color Pontoon Trips

(WEST) Pontoon rides are held on Pin Oak Lake where visitors can enjoy a meal at Pin Oak Lodge then head out on the lake to enjoy the fall colors. (This program has a required sign up a week in advance.) Alisha.Weber@tn.gov

September - December Natchez Trace hosts Outdoor Classroom

(WEST) This program meets on Thursdays at 10:00am. Children enjoy a variety of activities on Nature, History or Outdoor hobbies. Parents enjoy networking with other families with similar interest and living a healthier lifestyle including playing in the Outdoors. For more information contact Alisha.Weber@tn.gov or find us on Facebook: *Natchez Trace Outdoor Classroom*

September 1 Standing Stone hosts 12th Annual Camper's Night Light Contest

Calling all campers! Decorate your campsite with a creative selection of lights. 1st place prize, for most original display, is one week of free Camping at Standing Stone State Park. 2nd place prize is two days/nights of free Camping at Standing Stone State Park. Camping fee is required to participate. For more information contact Ranger Travis Stover at 931-823-6347 or travis.stover@tn.gov.

September 1 Cumberland Mountain hosts FoxFire Band

(PLATEAU) 2:00 p.m. CT. Meet at the restaurant terrace for some Newgrass music!! Event is free to the public! FoxFire Newgrass Band performs. For more information call 931-484-6138.

September 1 Carroll Cabin Barrens SNA hosts Cedar Barren Ecology Hike

(WEST) Join Allan Trently, Stewardship Ecologist, Natural Areas Program on a 2.5 mile hike exploring some of the treeless barrens of the area. Some of the hike will be off-trail. The hike is to be considered moderate though some may find it strenuous. Alan will discuss the ecology and management of the barrens and will identify animals and plants during the hike. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and a snack, bring binoculars if you have them, and dress appropriately for the weather. We will not go in the event of inclement weather. Meet at the natural area parking lot at 9:30 a.m. CT. A map to the site can be found at: www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/carrollcabin/carrollcabin.pdf. Reservations are required. Contact Allan Trently at 731-512-1369 or at

allan.trently@tn.gov no later than August 30. If you need to call me on September 1st call my cell at 731-234-4887 (coverage at Carroll Cabins is not reliable).

September 1 Fort Pillow hosts Labor Day Celebration

(WEST) Come celebrate Labor Day weekend with 3 full days of outdoor activities and programs for all ages. For more information call 731-738-5581.

September 1-2-3 Red Clay hosts Labor Day Weekend Craft Fair

(PLATEAU) Regional artists will present their handiwork on the grounds of the park this weekend. For more information call 423-478-0339.

September 1-2-3 Bicentennial Capitol Mall hosts National Folk Festival

First held in 1934, the National Folk Festival is the oldest multi-cultural festival of traditional arts in the nation, and has been produced from its inception by the National Council for the Traditional Arts. Now entering its 74th year, it is a traveling festival produced in partnership with communities around the country. large-scale three-day outdoor event presented free to the public, the National Folk Festival celebrates the roots, richness and variety of American culture. It features a broad array of music and dance performances, participatory dancing, workshops, children's activities, regional and ethnic foods, storytelling, parades, craft exhibits and demonstrations, and more. A "movable feast of the deeply traditional folk arts," the National Folk Festival brings a jubilant and dizzying array of offerings that appeal to audiences of all ages. For more information visit www.nationalfolkfestival.com/ or call the park at 615-741-5280.

**September 3 Indian Mountain hosts State Park's 75th Anniversary Event:
The Miner's Mile**

(EAST) Join Indian Mountain State Park on Labor Day, Mon. Sept. 3 for The Miner's Mile. This yearly event is a 5K/10K run and 2-mile walk that benefits the city of Jellico. The run starts and ends in the park. Runners have an opportunity to see a good bit of the town from the beauty of the park to the history of downtown. Please come and join us for this event. For more information, please call the park office at 423-784-7958.

September 7-8-9 Sycamore Shoals hosts 12th Annual Celtic Festival

(EAST) Friday – Sunday, September 7, 8, and 9 Friday Night Torchlight Ceremony 6:30 p.m. ET. Saturday – Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET. Saturday Night Concert 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Appalachia's Celtic heritage! Opening with a torchlight ceremony Friday Night, Clans and Family Societies will be on hand to help with family history; dance, music, food, vendors, demonstrations, reenactments of 18th & 19th Century heritage, lectures, and a special musical concert on Saturday evening. Admissions charge. Contact the park for details at 423-543-5808.

September 7-8-9 Roan Mountain hosts Fall Naturalist's Rally

(EAST) Dinner hikes, bird-watching and night sky viewing led by Friends of Roan Mountain. For more information call 423-543-7576.

September 7-8-9 Fall Creek Falls hosts 34th Annual Mountaineer Folk Festival

(PLATEAU) This weekend's jam-packed schedule includes handmade crafts, 2 stages of traditional mountain music, demonstrations of pioneer skills, country cooking, and much more. Don't miss this event! For more information call 423-881-5298.

September 8 – 15 BRAT *(TN State Parks Bicycle Ride across TN)*

Welcome to the 23rd annual Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT 2012). This seven-day ride will start at Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville, TN and features a combination of rolling hills, valleys, and some flat terrain. The tour will include a balance of some long-distance rides and some short distance days - designed to challenge expert cyclists, while accommodating recreational riders. Riders will camp overnight at four Tennessee State Parks along the route, including Cumberland Mountain, Standing Stone, Pickett, and Harrison Bay. The City of Kingston will host one overnight stay at Fort Southwest Point. One layover day is planned at Cumberland Mountain State Park, giving cyclists an opportunity to sightsee - including nature hikes and canoeing. Also a three-day ride option is available for those who aren't ready for a weeklong tour or have limited vacation time. <http://thebrat.org>. Sign up for our newsletter at: <http://thebrat.org/sign-up/>

September 8 & 9 Fort Loudoun hosts An 18th Century Trade Faire/Great Island Festival

(EAST) The Fort Loudoun State Historic Park and the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum are partnering for the Great Island Festival, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET each day. The Great Island Festival is actually a series of concurrent events, designed to take visitors back in time to an 18th century Trade Faire and a Cherokee encampment. The 18th century Trade Faire at Fort Loudoun will feature encampments of soldiers, settlers and American Indians. There will be demonstrations throughout the day in artillery and musketry, along with several battle and skirmish re-enactments. Merchants and artisans will be on hand to peddle food and wares reminiscent of the time. Admission is \$5 for adults aged 12 and up; children 11 and under will be admitted free of charge. For more information please call 423-884-6217.

September 14-15-16 Fall Creek Falls host Tennessee Fall Star Gaze

(PLATEAU) Feel free to join the Cumberland Astronomical Society at the viewing area above the Fall Creek Inn to check out the night sky. Bring your own telescope if you like. Anyone is welcome. For more information please call 423-884-6217.

September 15 Booker T. Washington hosts Health and Recreation Fair

(EAST) Booker T. Washington State Park celebrates 75 years of Tennessee State Parks with a Health and Recreation Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET. We will host a variety of exhibits, displays, health screenings, and recreational activities. Music and food will also be provided. More details to be included at a later date. For more information call 423-894-4955.

September 15 Frozen Head hosts Volunteer Trail Day

(PLATEAU) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET. The public is invited to join us in maintaining the park's trails. Tools will be provided. Volunteers should be prepared for a variety of weather conditions including rain and snow. Bring food, water and a daypack. Some areas require hiking one to two miles in rugged terrain. First time volunteers must complete a liability form. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

September 15 Standing Stone hosts 30th Annual Marbles Festival

Come to Standing Stone State Park in Overton County to be a part of the 30th Annual National Rolley Hole Marble Championship and Festival. This traditional marbles contest draws some of the country's best players to a tournament where players match wit and skills with special flint spheres on a smooth dirt surface. Festival includes kids' games, marble making, swap meet, tournament play, demonstrations, music and food. (Registration is required for the Rolley Hole Tournament.) This one of a kind family experience has been featured by ESPN, ABC, Sports Illustrated, CBS, CNN, Smithsonian Institution, National Geographic, and Charles Schulz's Peanuts. For more information contact Ranger Travis Stover at 931-823-6347 or travis.stover@tn.gov.

September 16 Reelfoot Lake hosts Round House Reunion

(WEST) Reelfoot Lake State Park welcomes the return of the Round House Reunion. During the 1950's and the 1960's, the Bluebank Round House was the place to be at Reelfoot Lake. People came from miles and miles to listen to the music, meet friends, and enjoy Reelfoot Lake. Many friendships and romances started at the Round House and many happy memories were created there. The Round House Reunion relives the feeling and sounds of that time. We invite you to join us for a day filled with good music and good friends on the shores of beautiful Reelfoot Lake. Pack a picnic basket, or enjoy available concessions, and meet old friends at the Round House Reunion on Sunday September the 16th, 2012. The music will begin at 12:00 noon. CT. For more information call 731-253-8003.

September 19 Cove Lake hosts 75th Anniversary Event
(PLATEAU) Celebrate 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks

September 20 Sycamore Shoals hosts Celebrating Our Stories

Honoring the 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks
(EAST) Join us at 7 p.m. ET for the fascinating stories of Sycamore Shoals, presented by the Friends of Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area. Guest speakers will share early 18th century tales of monumental events that took place on this land, and its ultimate designation as a Tennessee State Park on July 2, 1976. Contact the park for more information at 423-543-5808.

September 22 Chickasaw hosts Chickasaw State Park Heritage Days

(WEST) Celebrate the 75 years of Chickasaw State Park. Activities and programs about the history and the creation of the park will be conducted throughout the day. Most activities will be held at Sagamore Lodge, the original park structure built in 1937. Come help us celebrate the creation of the park and all of the memories that have been made here since then. For more information call the park at 731-989-5141 or 1-800-458-1752.

September 22 Short Springs SNA hosts Tree Identification Hike

(MIDDLE) Possessing the ability to identify dominant tree species adds to our understanding and appreciation of forested ecosystems. Enjoy the first day of autumn by walking the natural area's trails and learning about Tennessee's diverse forest communities. During the three - four hours afield, participants will not only encounter a number of tree species, but will discover some leaf, twig and bark characteristics essential for woody plant identification. We'll also discuss how topographic and other environmental variables influence forest species composition. Attendees should bring water and snacks. Although not essential, a field guide to trees, small hand lens, and a notepad would be useful for this outing. Meet at the natural area parking lot at 10 a.m.

CT. Map and directions are posted at www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/shortspr/
Meet at the natural area parking lot at 10 a.m. CT. Reservations are required. RSVP to Roger McCoy at roger.mccoy@tn.gov.

September 22 Ghost River SNA hosts Guided Canoe Trip

(WEST) Participants are to meet at the Bateman Bridge takeout in Moscow at 9.30 a.m. CT where most vehicles will be left. There will be a shuttle to take people to the launch point at Yager Rd in La Grange where the paddling trip should commence at 10 a.m. The trip will focus on the history, diversity and beauty of the natural area. The float is about 9 miles and has some fast sections so some paddling experience is recommended. Participants should bring lunch and water to drink. Sunscreen, bug spray and carpooling are recommended. The canoe trip will last approximately 6-7 hours. More detailed information will be provided upon reservations. Reservations are required. RSVP to 731-253-9652. For more information please email Robin.Wooten@tn.gov or David.Haggard@tn.gov.

September 22 & 23 Sycamore Shoals hosts Overmountain Victory Trail Celebration

(EAST) Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET. Join us for an encampment by the Overmountain militia before the Battle of King's Mountain in 1780. Live some of the most crucial days of the American Revolution! Call the park for a schedule of events at 423-543-5808.

September 25 Sycamore Shoals hosts Overmountain Victory Trail March

(EAST) Tuesday, 2 p.m. (approximate time) Members of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association have recreated the historic march to King's Mountain since 1975. Marchers will cross the Watauga River at Sycamore Shoals, just as the Overmountain militia crossed 232 years ago. For more information contact the park at 423-543-5808.

September 28-29-30 Old Stone Fort hosts Old Stone Fort Knapp-In and Archaeoskills

(MIDDLE) A celebration of the ancient arts and archaeoskills, the weekend's main activities and special programming begin at 8 a.m. CT on Saturday and will run until approximately 4:30 p.m. The festival is free and open to the public. Flint knappers of all skill levels will begin arriving at the park on Friday and will set up on the roof deck of the museum to exchange ideas and materials and demonstrate their craft to the public. There will be atlatl competitions on Saturday and Sunday, with opportunities for everyone to try this ancient skill. Other demonstrations will include Native American pottery construction, shell carving, basketry, fire making, finger weaving, native plant use, cordage production and many other primitive skills. There also will be special presentations throughout Saturday on topics such as Southeastern archaeology and prehistory. The Old Stone Fort is a 2000-year-old Native American ceremonial site, which consists of nearly 4,000 feet of low, wall-like mounds enclosing nearly 50 acres. For more information contact park office at 931-723-5073 or email stephanie.hayes@tn.gov.

Sept. 29 National Public Lands Day (Events TBA)

September 29 Davy Crockett Birthplace hosts National Public Lands Day

(EAST) Join park staff and community members to observe this important day. NPLD is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands that Americans enjoy. Meet at the campground pavilion at 11 a.m. for instructions. For more information please contact: Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov

September 29 & 30 Rock Island hosts 37th Annual Lion's Club Fall Festival
(PLATEAU) Rock Island State Park will be hosting the 37th Annual Lion's Club Fall Festival & Craft Fair. The event highlights crafts, jewelry, & antiques. Games, music, & park interpretive programs are planned. All profits go to vision & hearing enrichment for needy families. For further information call 931-686-2769 or 931-686-2828.

October Natchez Trace hosts Shriner's Trail Ride
(WEST) This is an annual trail ride hosted by the Shriner's. It will be held at the Wrangler Campground. The event will include a BBQ meal, auction and hayride for the family. Contact 731-968-3742.

October Natchez Trace hosts Family Astronomy Day
(WEST) This is a wonderful time of the year to enjoy the crisp autumn air and clear skies in Tennessee. Bring your family or group out for a night of viewing the stars. Equipment will be provided. For more information contact Alisha.Weber@tn.gov

October –Friday and Saturdays Big Ridge hosts Ghost House Hikes
(EAST) Join Park Rangers for a spine-tingling night hike! 1.2 miles of spooky stories from Big Ridge's past. Bring your own flashlight. The hike is free, but reservations are required. Limit 30 people. No children under 6 years old please. Contact the park office at 865-992-5523.

October 4 - 7 Sycamore Shoals hosts 18th Annual Quilt Show
(EAST) Thursday, Friday & Saturday, October 4, 5, 6 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET and Sunday, October 7, 1 pm – 4:30 p.m. This four-day exhibition, sponsored by the Sycamore Shoals Stitchers, features a show and demonstrations by local quilters held in the park museum. Bed quilts, wall hangings, holiday and baby quilts, miniatures and antique quilts will be on display. Contact the park for details at 423-543-5808.

October 5 Norris Dam hosts Pickin' in the Park
(EAST) Join us as we listen to some old time bluegrass bands at the park's outdoor amphitheater. Free. Food and drink available. For more information call 865-426-7461.

October 5-6-7 Reelfoot Lake hosts Reelfoot Arts and Crafts Festival
(WEST) Chosen as one of the top three Arts & Crafts shows in Tennessee. Free Admission and some free parking. Exhibitors come from many states to show their crafts and sell their wares with over 300 different vendors. When not perusing their wares enjoy free entertainment with artists from the area. Sit in the shade and enjoy old time string music and singing. www.reelfootartsandcrafts.com. For more information call 731-253-8003.

October 6 Roan Mountain hosts Chili Cook-off
(EAST) Cook up a pot or come and sample. Register at Park Headquarters or campground. prizes will be awarded. 8 a.m. – noon. ET. For more information call 423-772-0190.

October 6 **Warriors' Path** hosts **Environmental Education Workshop**
(EAST) 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ET. Learn to use nearby, familiar environments as "natural classrooms" for your children and students. Try teaching techniques that bring conservation to life. Especially for teachers and youth leaders. Free, but pre-registration is required. To pre-register, contact the park office 423-239-8531 or email Marty.Silver@tn.gov

October 6 **Rock Island** hosts **Rock Island 5 Miler**
(PLATEAU) Rock Island State Park will be hosting the kick off race this year for the 34th annual Tennessee State Parks Running Tour. This is the longest state parks running event in the U.S. Total participants last year for the tour was 3,064. The Rock Island race will include an on road & off road section with challenging elevation changes! You can access online registration at Racesonline.com. Call 931-743-2461 for more information or contact the park office at 931-686-2471.

October 6 & 7 **Fort Loudoun** hosts **Garrison Weekend**
(EAST) Park staff and volunteers portray the original garrison of Fort Loudoun and the Cherokees who lived in the Little Tennessee Valley in the mid 1700s. Program hours are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-884-6217.

October 6 & 7 **Sycamore Shoals** hosts **Fort Watauga Knap-In**
(EAST) Saturday & Sunday, October 6 & 7 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. ET Knapping—with a "K"—has nothing to do with sleep! Knapping is the art of making stone tools, and the Knap-In at Fort Watauga is our celebration of Tennessee Archaeology Week. Watch primitive skills craftsmen make arrowheads, spear points, and other survival tools. There will be demonstrations of primitive tools such as the bow, arrow, and atlatl throughout the day. Contact the park for details at 423-543-5808.

October 13 **Standing Stone** hosts **14th Annual Standing Stone Car Show**
(PLATEAU) This day-long event is a family fun filled day of cars, music and food. Approximately 300 vehicles – classics, trucks and hotrods – will be shown and judged. Event begins at 8 a.m. CT. For more information about entering a vehicle call Travis Stover 931-823-6347.

October 13 **Davy Crockett Birthplace** hosts **Mountain Melodies**
(EAST) Join Park Staff and our Pioneer Friends Group in Celebrating 75 years in State Parks with a day of Traditional Mountain Music down by the Nolichucky River. Celebrate the rich heritage of traditional mountain music in our region. Local groups will showcase their talents and storytelling abilities for the community. This event will be held at Shelter #3 down along the Nolichucky River in front of the Crockett Cabin beginning at 11:00 am. For more information please contact: Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov
For more information call 423-257-2167.

October 13 **Edgar Evins** hosts **6th Annual History Hayride**
(MIDDLE) Bring your blanket and enjoy a family oriented ride back into time as the Friends of Edgar Evins and park staff bring history alive. There will be approximately 10 stops along the hayride where costumed re-enactors reveal the history of the area and its people. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations are required and the cost is \$10 per person. We begin accepting reservations on the 1st of September each year. The hayrides fill up quickly so mark your calendars now. For more information and to RSVP call 931-858-2114 or 800-250-8619.

October 13 Roan Mountain hosts Autumn Harvest
(EAST) Celebrate autumn at the farmstead with crafts, food and entertainment. Noon - 4 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-772-0190.

October 13 Tims Ford hosts Heritage Day and Shade Tree Pickin'
(MIDDLE) Join us as we celebrate Tennessee State Park's 75th anniversary. Interpretive programs, activities relating to the history of the park and information on the people who lived here prior to the establishment of Tims Ford Reservoir along with bluegrass, country and gospel music. Bring your instrument and join in or just bring a lawn chair and sit a spell. Call the park office 931-962-1183 or check out Tims Ford State Park's Facebook page for more information.

October 13 – 28 Norris Dam Fall hosts Color Pontoon Boat Trips
Each year nature displays a spectacular array of fall colors. Join us as we venture along the shores of Norris Lake via pontoon boat ride and view this beautiful display of nature's artistry. Each boat ride will last approximately one hour and will depart from the Norris Dam Marina. Park Rangers will narrate your trip with tree identification and park history. Registration is required by contacting the park office after Labor Day to sign up for a trip. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under six years old. If inclement weather prevails at the time of the boat departure, then trip will be cancelled. Trips daily at 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Each year nature displays a spectacular array of fall color. For more information contact Ranger Mike Scott the park office at 865-426-7461.

October 19 Hill Forest Natural Area hosts Old Forest Hike
(MIDDLE) Join Brian Bowen, Tennessee Natural Areas Program and Julia Landstreet, Friends of Warner Park for an October afternoon hike through the Hill Forest Designated State Natural Area. This 2.5 mile hike is your opportunity to experience the natural area's biggest and oldest forest trees while enjoying the fall color. The hike will take approximately 3 hours. Bring water, wear sturdy walking gear, and dress for the weather. Meet at the Hill Forest SNA at 2 p.m. CT. Reservations are required. RSVP to Warner Park Nature Center at 615-352-6299 or email wpnc@nashville.gov.

October 19 & 20 Bicentennial Capitol Mall hosts Tennessee's History Festival
(MIDDLE) The 9th Annual Tennessee History Festival and one of Tennessee State Parks 75th Anniversary Events. Come enjoy 200 years of living history and learn of Tennessee's past. The event blends education and entertainment, allowing school groups and families to experience day-to-day soldier life in history. The two-day festival features multiple displays and demonstrations by re-enactors and living history interpreters. The festival is free and open to the public. Activities will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT each day. School groups are encouraged to plan their visits for Friday, Oct. 19 and must register in advance. Educators may arrange for bus parking and special informational packets for their visits. School group reservations may be made by contacting Park Manager Mike Cole at 615-741-5800.

October 19-20-21 Cove Lake hosts Knap-in and Primitive Skills Festival
(PLATEAU) In celebration of Tennessee State Parks 75th anniversary please join us and our volunteers for the 3rd annual Cove Lake State Park Knap-In and Primitive Skills Festival to be held October 19th, 20th, and 21st, from 9 a.m. ET until sunset each day. The event is free and open to the public. Demonstrations will include; flint knapping, bow building, cordage, basket weaving, quiver making, blowgun and darts, nature walk, fire

making, atlatl, storytelling and a few other displays taking you through a time tunnel of the past. We may even sing happy birthday and share a bite of cake, refreshments limited. For more information call 423-566-9701.

Oct. 19-20-21 Red Clay hosts Inter Tribal Cultural Gathering POW WOW

Come join in the family fun. Native dance demonstrations take place throughout the weekend. Enjoy food and crafts from Native vendors. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and sun shades. For more information call 423-478-0339.

October 20 Cumberland Mountain hosts Solar and Night Sky Program

(PLATEAU) 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. CT. Solar viewing will begin at the upper softball field. 1 hour before sunset – A 40 minute pre dusk basic astronomy program will begin with planet and deep sky night observing following! Location Upper Softball Field. Solar Viewing and Night Sky viewing led by Lloyd Watkins. For more information call 931-484-6138.

October 20 Frozen Head hosts Volunteer Trail Day

(PLATEAU) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET. The public is invited to join us in maintaining the park's trails. Tools will be provided. Volunteers should be prepared for a variety of weather conditions including rain and snow. Bring food, water and a daypack. Some areas require hiking one to two miles in rugged terrain. First time volunteers must complete a liability form. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

October 20 Walls of Jericho SNA hosts Waterfall Hike

(PLATEAU) This is a joint field trip with the Tennessee Native Plant Society. We will stop to appreciate plants along the way. Catch the fall colors at the Walls of Jericho State Natural Area in Franklin County. This strenuous 8-mile hike descends 900 feet into the "Walls" and continues along the creek to an amazing canyon of sheer rock bluffs, caves, and waterfalls. Dress appropriately for the weather, wear sturdy boots, and bring plenty of water and lunch. This hike is strenuous and participants should be in good physical condition. The trip will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Meet at the Nashville Target store parking lot off of Bell Road near Hickory Hollow at 7 a.m. CT. Reservations required: RSVP by October 19 to Todd Crabtree, 615-532-1378, or Todd.Crabtree@tn.gov. The first 10 reservations can take advantage of transportation provided by the Tennessee Natural Areas Program.

October 20 Panther Creek hosts Heritage Day

(EAST) Join us at Panther Creek State Park for Heritage Day as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Tennessee State Parks. There'll be live music, food, historical demonstrations, hayrides, crafts, hikes and more during this celebration of our local history. This event will take place at the Spooner Shelter from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-587-7046.

October 20 & 21 Fall Creek Falls hosts Fall Colors Weekend

(PLATEAU) Join us on bicycle tours, guided hikes, and slideshows focusing on the autumn splendor of Fall Creek Falls State Park. For more information call 423-881-5708.

October 22 **Cordell Hull Birthplace** hosts **United Nations Day Celebration**
(MIDDLE) Join park staff as we celebrate the United Nations, the international peacekeeping agency primarily authored by former Secretary of State Cordell Hull. We will observe this occasion with a display of highlights of the U.N. as well as a showcase of Sec. Hull's Nobel Peace Prize, which he received in 1945 for his role in creating the esteemed agency. The park is open 9a.m. to 5 p.m. CT. For more information call 931-864-3247.

October 25 **Sycamore Shoals** hosts **Scary Stories at the Carter Mansion**
(EAST) Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. ET. Strange things happen around All Hallows Eve, especially at a 200 year-old mansion. Bring the family and join us for tales of woe and terror, the weird and macabre, with a touch of wit thrown in for good measure. Don't be afraid, the graveyard at the Carter Mansion isn't haunted... we think! Contact the park for details at 423-543-5808.

October 26 **T.O. Fuller** hosts **Fall Festival**
(PLATEAU) Join us for our 6th Annual Fall Festival open to children of all ages. This is a safe community alternative for Trick-or-Treating. Children only need to bring a basket and flashlight to find the hidden glowing eggs filled with candy that are scattered throughout the parks' Day Use Area. Following the Egg Hunt children are taught to roast weenies and make homemade s'mores on an open campfire. (This event is always held the Friday before Halloween at sunset with the following Friday as a rain date.) For more information call the park office for more information at 901-543-7581.

October 26 **Davy Crockett** hosts **Trick or Treat in the Haunted Forest**
Come out and bring the kids to trick or treat through our woods. There will be a (EAST) lighted trail to lead the way so you don't get lost. Ghost, ghouls and haints will hand out treats along the trail and give you a little scare. Dress appropriately for cold weather, bring a flashlight and a candy bag. A \$1 per person donation for the park will be taken at the entrance. Event is 7-8 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-257-2167 or email Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov.

October 27 **Fall Creek Falls** hosts **Wild Foods Day**
(PLATEAU) Field trips identifying edible wild plants and workshops on preparing wild meats and breads are just part of the activities. The real treat comes in enjoying the wild feast. For more information call 423-881-5708.

October 27 **Cumberland Mountain** hosts **Trunk or Treat**
(PLATEAU) 6 - 8p.m. CT. Meet at the Recreation Hall for a Hayride over to the campground to begin your trunk or treat adventure!! Other events will be scheduled. For more info contact Ranger Johnson at 931-484-6138.

October 27 & 28 **Reelfoot Lake** hosts **White Pelican Canoe Floats**
(WEST) Canoe floats are offered at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 and at 9 a.m. on Sunday Oct. 28. This Reelfoot trip will focus on the Fall color and the White Pelican Migration. Participants will paddle out to see hundreds of white pelicans who rest on Reelfoot Lake as they make their annual journey south for the winter. This canoe trip is on flat water, but some upper body strength is required as the trip will last approximately 3 hours. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack and water to drink. Sunscreen and bug spray are recommended. Canoes, life jackets and paddles will be provided. Visitors are also welcome to bring their own canoes/kayaks. Meet at the

Reelfoot Lake State Park visitor center at 1 p.m. CT. Reservations are required. Reservations may be made by calling 731-253-9652. For more information please email Robin.Wooten@tn.gov or David.Haggard@tn.gov.

October 27 Meeman-Shelby Forest hosts 1st Annual Meeman-Shelby Heritage Festival & 75th Anniversary TSP Celebration

(WEST) Come to Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT to celebrate our American traditions, skills, and legacies. Demonstrators, vendors, games, live music, and interpretive programs will be offered for the entire family, as well as hourly programs by Tennessee State Parks. The event is free and event is free and parking is available within walking distance. For more information call 901-876-5201.

October 29 Cove Lake Louie Bluie Festival

(PLATEAU) This all-day family-fun festival features three stages of music including traditional Old-time, Blues, Gospel, Mountain Jazz, and Bluegrass, plus storytelling and theater and our Kid's Fun Zone with lots of activities for the children. High quality art and handmade crafts will be sold in the Craft Village, and a judged Art and Quilt Show will be in the Recreation Center. Regional food vendors will be serving up a mouthwatering array of authentic Southern cooking, East Tennessee style. The Louie Bluie Festival is named in honor of Howard "Louie Bluie" Armstrong (1909-2003), a LaFollette native and internationally acclaimed string band musician who grew up in LaFollette in the 1920s and became one of the nation's finest string band musicians, as well as artist, storyteller, and writer. A \$2 per person/\$5 per family donation is encouraged and funds Campbell Culture Coalition, an all-volunteer non-profit community arts organization.

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October 30 Rock Island hosts Rock Island 5 Miler

(PLATEAU) Rock Island State Park will be hosting the kick off race this year for the 34th annual Tennessee State Parks Running Tour. This unique fall and winter series of foot races with distances varying from 5 to 13 miles is the oldest state parks running series in the nation. Total participants last year for the tour was 3,064. The Rock Island race will include an on road & off road section with challenging elevation changes! You can access online registration at Racesonline.com. Call 931-743-2461 for more information or contact the park office at 931-686-2471.

November TBA Standing Stone hosts Big Foot Scramble 5M Run

Join us for this scenic 5m run through Standing Stone State Park. This event is part of the State Parks Running Tour and is sponsored by the Frostbite Running Club. For more information call Lynn Burnett, 931-823-6124 or l.burnett@Infoave.net

November 3 Edgar Evins hosts Fall Color Cruise

(MIDDLE) Sponsored by the Friends of Edgar Evins State Park, this cruise is sure to delight as we view the fall scenery and homes of country stars. Admission \$10 per person and reservations are required. For adults, and children over age 3 accompanied by an adult. We start accepting reservations the 1st of October each year. Cruises are approximately 2 hours long. For more information and to RSVP call 931-858-2114 or 800-250-8619.

November 7 Laurel Snow SNA hosts Fall Hike to Snow Falls and Buzzard Point
(PLATEAU) Join us for a mid-week hike to Snow Falls and the Buzzard Point where we can see great views of the Ridge and Valley to the east toward Chattanooga. If the leaves are late, the colors can be great! Morgan, Henderson, Laurel and Richland Creeks never fail to please visitors with their beautiful chutes, pools and huge rocks. Bring layered clothing and footgear appropriate for November weather along with snacks and water. The hike is considered moderate with some significant up-hill climbing. Total distance roundtrip is about 5 or 6 miles. Meet at 8:30 a.m. ET at the Laurel Snow State Natural Area. For more information contact Lisa.Huff@tn.gov.

November 10 Roan Mountain hosts Old Time Yule
(EAST) Roan Mountain ends the year by wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas. Experience how the holiday was celebrated years ago. Old time music and traditional Christmas treats. For more information call 423-772-0190.

November 10 & 11 Fall Creek Falls hosts Backpacking Trip
(PLATEAU) Join us for a 13-mile trek through some of the more remote portions of the park. This hike is for both novices and experienced backpackers and includes a 2-day guided hike with an overnight camp. There is a \$10 fee and pre-registration is required. Contact the Nature Center at 423-881-5708.

November 17 Reelfoot Lake hosts "Love the Lake" Lakeshore Clean-Up
(WEST) Please help us Love the Lake! Meet at the state park visitor center for a morning of lakeshore clean up by canoe. Bring a pair of work gloves if you have them. Boats, life jackets, canoes and paddles will be provided for this special opportunity to get close to the unique lake short. Participants will paddle in the shallow water between cypress knees to remove unwanted debris. Snacks will be provided. Dress for the weather! Meet at 9 a.m. CT at the Reelfoot Lake State Park visitor's center. Reservations required: Reservations may be made by calling 731-253-9652. For more information please email Robin.Wooten@tn.gov or David.Haggard@tn.gov. Thank you for your support of Reelfoot Lake and Tennessee State Natural Areas.

November 17 & 18 Reelfoot Lake hosts Deep Swamp Tromp
(WEST) This 3 hour hike will take participants into old growth cypress forest off trail and into some of the most remote areas of Reelfoot Lake. The bald cypress trees are some of the largest in this area of the country. Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy hiking shoes and long pants, and bring a snack and water to drink. Meet at 1 p.m. CT on Saturday, Nov. 10 or 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Reelfoot Lake State Park visitor's center. Reservations required: Reservations may be made by calling 731-253-9652. For more information please email Robin.Wooten@tn.gov or David.Haggard@tn.gov.

November 10 & 11 Fort Loudoun hosts Garrison Weekend
(EAST) This living history program brings Fort Loudoun back to life as park staff and volunteers portray the original garrison of the fort and of the surrounding Cherokee towns. Event hours are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-884-6217

November 11 Sgt. Alvin C. York hosts Veteran's Day Celebration
(MIDDLE) For more information call 931-879-6456.

November 17 Frozen Head hosts Volunteer Trail Day

(PLATEAU) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET. The public is invited to join us in maintaining the park's trails. Tools will be provided. Volunteers should be prepared for a variety of weather conditions including rain and snow. Bring food, water and a daypack. Some areas require hiking one to two miles in rugged terrain. First time volunteers must complete a liability form. Located in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee, Frozen Head State Park is easy to find. From the Interstate 40 exit 347 at Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg. Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62. Travel two miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road. Travel 4 miles to the park entrance. For more information please contact Ranger Michael Hodge at 423-346-3318 or email at michael.e.hodge@tn.gov.

November 17 & 18 Sycamore Shoals hosts Harvest Celebration & Militia Muster

(EAST) Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. ET. Sunday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET. It's a jollification! The Washington County Militia musters its troops for good times and good cheer! Re-enactors in period dress provide demonstrations of old-time skills and scenes from daily life in America's colonial past. Call the park for a schedule of events at 423-543-5808.

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1-2 Fall Creek Falls hosts Christmas on the Mountain

(PLATEAU) Join us for a weekend of Yuletide fun, holiday music, handmade crafts and gifts for the little ones. Activities include making Christmas crafts, storytelling, breakfast with Santa, and a 3-day mountain craft show for everyone. For more information call 423- 881-5708.

December TBA Davy Crockett Birthplace hosts The Pioneer 5Mile Run

(EAST) Join us for an exhilarating run through our park and the Limestone community. This is part of the Tennessee State Parks Running Tour and all runners must be registered to enter. For more information please contact Mr. Bob Townsend 423-257-6188 or 423-426-6709 or bobt4@earthlink.net.

December 1 Cordell Hull Birthplace hosts Old Fashion Christmas

(MIDDLE) Join park staff as we celebrate the holidays the way they were enjoyed in the late nineteenth century, the time period in which former Secretary of State Cordell Hull lived in this rural area on the edge of the Cumberland Plateau. Come on out for this holiday open house which includes refreshments and seasonal decorations in the restored birthplace cabin. The park is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT. For more information call 931-864-3247.

December 1 Warriors Path hosts Adopt-a-Tree

(EAST) 10 a.m.-noon, eastern time. All area young people are invited to help bring "re-leaf" to Kingsport. We'll be distributing free tree seedlings, to plant in the park and to plant at home. Help begin tomorrow's forests! Free. For more information, contact the park office (423-239-8531) or email Marty.Silver@tn.gov.

December 1 Fort Loudoun hosts A 75th Anniversary Event-Christmas at Fort Loudoun

(EAST) Celebrate Christmas in the 18th century style with native greenery, carols and wassail. Re-enactors will bring these and other 18th century lifestyles back to life with blacksmithing demonstrations, musket and artillery firings plus a special candlelight tour of Fort Loudoun. Daytime hours: 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. ET. The candlelight tour will commence at 6 p.m. and conclude at 7 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-884-6217

December 7 **Cordell Hull Birthplace** hosts **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**
(MIDDLE) Join park staff as we commemorate Pearl Harbor Day, the day that officially launched the United States' entry into WWII. We will observe the occasion with a display of highlights of the infamous Pearl Harbor attack as well as a showcase on Sec. Hull's Nobel Peace Prize, which he received in 1945 for his role in creating the U.N. The park is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT. For more information call 931-864-3247.

December 7 & 8 **Sycamore Shoals** hosts **Christmas at the Carter Mansion**
(EAST) Friday & Saturday, December 7 & 8 6-9 p.m. ET. Spend a candlelit evening in the oldest frame house in Tennessee, decorated with bright greenery for the holidays. Enjoy music, refreshments, and costumed interpreters acting out scenes from an 18th century Christmas. Contact the park for details at 423-543-5808.

December 8 **Sgt. Alvin C. York** hosts **Christmas in the Valley**
(MIDDLE) For more information call 931-879-6456.

December 8 **Davy Crockett Birthplace** hosts **Crockett Christmas**
(EAST) Crockett Christmas is a living history event that will provide visitors with a glimpse of Christmas past on the frontier. The birthplace cabin will be decorated in pioneer spirit. Traditional storytelling will be provided along with hot wassail and edibles common to that period. The path to the cabin will be lit by candlelight and a nice warm fire in the cabin and outside the cabin will keep you toasty warm. Event time will be 4:00-8:00 pm for Saturday. One day only. For more information contact:
Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov.

December 8 **Norris Dam** hosts **Holiday Homecoming Celebration**
(EAST) Join us from 5-9 p.m. ET for a walk through time discovering old time traditions representing Tennessee Holiday Homecomings in the local region. Celebrations will take place on the east side of the park as our rustic cabin area transforms into a winter village of festivities for the holiday season. The community and local organizations will be participating in holiday activities that will include; live animal demonstrations, historical depiction of Appalachian life, horse-drawn wagon rides, old-time music, and holiday treats. Parking will be a short distance from the event area, with handicapped parking available. Please be expected to walk approximately one mile, so dress warmly and comfortably and bring a flashlight for an evening outdoors amongst the rustic cabins! For more information please call the park office at 865-426-7461.

December 8 **Pogue Creek SNA** hosts **Wilderness Holiday Hike**
(PLATEAU) Enjoy late fall, the coming winter, and the holiday season by exploring this pristine wilderness area with knowledgeable guides. This 4 hour hike will take participants off trail into some of the wild areas of the Cumberland Plateau where they will see beautiful mountain gorges, rock formations and much more. This hike will be strenuous and require some negotiation around obstacles. Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy hiking shoes and long pants, and bring snacks, lunch and water to drink. Meet at 9 a.m. CT at the Pickett State Park office and we will carpool to the trailhead. Reservations are required; contact Robin at 615-532-4799 or Robin.Wooten@tn.gov.

December 15**Cumberland Mountain hosts Christmas on the Plateau**

(PLATEAU) Join us from 5-7 p.m. CT for our annual Toy Drive to help kids have a very Merry Christmas and Christmas Celebration. Activities include, music, interpretive programs, Christmas Story reading, ornament making, decorating and lighting the Christmas tree while sipping some hot chocolate, coffee, or hot cider. Toys will be taken up when Christmas on the Plateau begins! Meet at the Recreation Lodge. AT 7 p.m. Mr. And Mrs. Claus will be handing out toys for all the boys and girls. Oh and don't forget to take a drive through the park and see our historical CCC bridge decorated with lights! For more information call 931-484-6138.

December 15**Red Clay hosts 5th Annual Trail of Lights**

Bring the family and stroll down the trail of lights to enjoy the park in the quiet beauty of winter. Return to the Visitor Center for refreshments and entertainment. 5- 8 p.m. ET. Donation: Adults \$3.00. Children under 12 \$1.00. For more information call 423-478-0339.